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FOR TWO TO BE WON

Cabinet wrangle over budget plans

Dorrell seeks £1 billion to rescue NHS

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

STEPHEN DORRELL will today appeal to the Cabinet over the head of the Treasury for the extra £1 billion that he insists is needed to prevent a crisis in the hospital service. The Health Secretary was

reported last night to be ready to "go to the wire" in his effort to bridge the gap between his target of £1 billion and the £700 million he has won in a protracted negotiations.

He is one of a handful of ministers yet to settle with the Treasury. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, was reported last night to be fighting Kenneth Clarke's attempt to make deeper cuts in his £22 billion budget and he, too, may make a personal plea to Cabinet colleagues.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, is also holding out against demands for cuts. in his £90 billion budget. He is believed to have agreed to freeze lone-parent benefits for the second year running and he has said that his new fraud Bill will ensure substantial savings, but he is still under pressure to cut benefits for

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, settled yesterday after a long wrangle with the Treasury over spending on higher education and was reported to be satisfied. Last year she won an extra 9300 million and this year is believed to have gained several hundred million above

her planned spending figure.
The pressure on Mr Clarke is such that he is expected to have no more than 2 billion available for tax cuts on November 26. Whitehall insiders said that that was all he was likely to be able to prune from the E268 billion spending total for next year. The BSE saga has caten heavily into this year's spending, with El billion being taken out of the reserve to pay for compensa-tion, and a similar amount will be needed next year.



Dorrell: pressing for another £300 million

Mr Dorrell's friends are making plain that the extra money for hospitals is essential to prevent the damaging spectacle this winter of wards being closed down temporarily, patients being transported from hospital to hospital, longer waiting lists, and incidents of patients being left on trolleys for hours at a time.

The cash shortages in the health service are so bad that many trust hospitals have gone into the red and only the prospect of relief when the new financial year starts will enable them to get through. The possibility of some of the extra money being released early to cope with emergency spending this winter was not being ruled out last night.

So big was Mr Dorrell's bid for money on top of the £34 billion earmarked for the health service in 1997-98 and so strong his determination not to give way that John Major called him to Downing Street for a rare Sunday night meeting with Mr Clarke and William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who is in charge of individual negotiations. Mr Dorrell has told colleagues that il billion is the sum required to keep the NHS on

PAUL GASCOIGNE told a

football press conference yes-terday of his remorse over the

incident in which he was

accused of beating his wife

and blamed the "rage inside

"I can't go into great detail

about the incident," said the

England and Rangers soccer

player, but I deeply regret what happened with Sheryl It

will live with me for the rest of

Clear-eyed and contrite,

Gascoigne called his own

press conference after a sub-

dued training session at

Bisham Abbey, Bucks. His

audience of 30 radio, TV and

football reporters, men and

women, concluded 20 minutes

of cross-examination and Gas-

coigne's self-analysis with in-

appropriate applause. We had heard the words of

the counsellors Gascoigne has

employed to try to sort himself

our coming through the mouth

of England's most gifted and troubled player. I don't

my life."

an "even keel" for the future. Mr Major and Mr Clarke were clearly brought into the talks because of the implications for the Chancellor's hopes of cutting taxes.

Mr Dorrell and his close supporters contend that tax cuts cannot be made at the expense of hospital closures. They want to convince the health service professions that the Government is not merely "bandaging" its problems but safeguarding its future growth. Jerry Hayes, the Con-servative MP for Harlow, said health spending should not be sacrificed. He said: "You do not go into a general election saying. 'Oh, we've cut the basic rate of tax by 2p but the health service and education and the public services gener-

ally are in trouble'." Sources said that Mr Dorrell was hoping that if he won support today, Mr Clarke would call the spending com-mittee together before Thursday's Cabinet meeting. In the end, however, Mr Major may

have to impose a settlement. Government was The warned by the National Association of Heath Authorities and Trusts yesterday that they have "a real funding crisis" on their hands this year. Philip Hunt, its director, predicted hospital deficits of between £200 million and £300 million. and said: "There is a hell of a lot riding on this Cabinet decision because we are in danger of slipping back on much of the progress we have

made recently." Those pushing for cash were not overstating their case, he said. This year we have a real funding crisis. We simply didn't have enough money to cover the growth in services that we require and unless we get a good settlement for next year, I think we're going to have real problems not only over the winter but in the next financial year

Gascoigne asks forgiveness

for 'the rage inside me'

By Rob Hughes

rights to say that. But I've been

having two lots of counselling,

for my private life and foot-

ball, and since those started I

feel a totally different person.

"I can't really describe the rage inside me. What I did with my wife, I deeply regret, and I am trying, with their help, to understand the hate

that has been inside me; the

pressures that I've had more

than any other player over five

to six years; it's all bottled up

inside me, but already I am

learning to relax with other

players; with referees, to let

the aggression out only in a

Gascoigne apologise before.

Always sincere, like a miscre-

ant puppy caught out, he

"I love playing for England,

everybody does," he said. "I

realise this is my last chance,

and to be honest I didn't really

expect Glenn (Hoddle) to pick

me so soon. But I'm ready to

do the business for my coun-

try, and I want to be accepted

means every word.

Many have seen and heard

controlled way on the field."



Bomb case woman cleared

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE case against a housewife accused of planting a car bomb outside the Israeli Embassy in London in a bid to destroy the Middle East peace talks collapsed yesterday when a judge described evi-

dence as suspect. Nadia Zekra, a mother of two who was said to have left an Audi car parked outside the building and walked off carrying a Harrods bag, wept as she hugged ber husband and friends outside the Old Bailey. Mr Justice Garland accept-

ed a defence submission that Mrs Zekra, 49, who had denied causing the explosion

short period. I've maybe five

years left. Beyond that I have

Beside him at the public

My picking him in the

squad doesn't send a message

that I'm backing a wife beat-er," he said. "There's no way

that I'd be backing a thing like

that. I'm actually trying my

hardest to make sure that

there will be one less in the

future. If he does it again, it's a

different story ... I'm looking

twelve months down the line.

We are all going to have to wait, women's movements

Sandra Horley, of the wom-

en's group Refuge, responded:

"A public apology is one thing,

but does not excuse his vio-

lence. He (Gascoigne) must

accept there is no excuse for

beating your wife - not drink-

ing, football, stress, or

and everyone else."

provocation."

soul-bearing, Glenn Hoddle,

the England coach, responded

to be the man."

in July 1994, had no case to answer after a month of

prosecution evidence. The judge said that identification evidence was "fraught with pitfalls." He said also evidence by a police constable on duty at the embassy was "suspect with seriinconsistencies." He added: "It would be dangerous to allow this case to go before a jury.I have no hesitation in

discharging this case." The jury will be directed today to return a not guilty verdict on the charge against Mrs Zekra and to continue considering the case against

Zekra West Kensington. London, said: "I was sure I would not be convicted. I just want to be with my family now and have time on my own. My family, my sons - we all suffered deeply. The time in

prison was worst of all."
Her husband, Ahmad, said: We came to enjoy living in this country for our sons to get away from the troubles. We came to have democracy and justice. Today I suppose we got our justice.

The court has been told that a gang of upper class Palestin-ian terrorists planted two car bombs in London. The embas-

sy explosion on July 26 was followed by one in Finchley. her three co-defendants. **Polls put Clinton**

From Martin Fletcher, in washington

ahead in 31 states

WTTH eight eve-of-election polls giving him leads of four to 18 points President Clinton looks almost certain to be returned to the White House today despite last-minute Republican warnings that his to the pillorying of his decision to grant instant foradministration would be debilitated by scandal.

Americans will also elect a new Congress today, and the Republicans promised another wave of investigations if they retain control, in particular of the huge Asian contributions to the Democrats' war chest revealed during the campaign's final days.

An outright majority would

allow Mr Clinton, elected with 43 per cent of the vote in 1992, to claim that the people have considered and dismissed the charges against him.

Half of yesterday's eight polls put Mr Clinton's support above 50 per cent. In only two did Bob Dole achieve 40 per cent, while Ross Perot had 7 to 9 per cent. A final survey of state polls showed Mr Clinton leading in 31 states with 377 electoral college votes, 107 more than he requires for Coach's crusade, page 52 victory, and Mr Dole leading

in 17 states with 129 electoral college votes.

Almost all the polls showed voters marginally more likely to back Democratic than Republican congressional candidates, but few experts believe the Democrats will gain the three extra seats needed to recapture the Senate. They were less willing to predict the outcome in the House, where all 435 seats are being contested and the Democrats need a net gain of 18.

Graphs of the year's polls show two basically straight horizontal lines, or three if Mr Perot is included. Not one of the hundreds of polls put Mr Dole ahead. All but conceding defeat,

Scott Reed, the 73-year-old Republican's campaign manager, told this week's New Yorker magazine: The truth is, nothing has changed for a long time. We were never able to joit the race. We thought we josted it when he left the Senate and with our convention. But we didn't, and we had a string of bad luck."

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Noye plotted to steal millions in cash machine fraud, court told

By Stephen Farrell and Stewart Tendler

KENNETH NOYE, one of Britain's most wanted men, conspired to steal hundreds of millions of pounds from cashpoint machines in a plot that could have brought the banking system to its knees, a court heard yesterday.

Noye, 49, a suspect in the M25 road rage murder of Stephen Cameron, was part of an elite team of underworld criminals brought together to pull off one of the biggest crimes in history, it was

alleged. Had they succeeded "the banking system of this country would have been put at risk". Miss Ann Curnow, for the prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court in London.

Seven men yesterday admitted conspiracy to steal cash from banks, building societies and financial institutions be tween January 1 and July 25 1995. They included John Lloyd, a suspect in the 1983 Brink's-Mat robbery, whose wife was jailed for five years for handling stolen bullion, and William Hayward, who was once jailed for shooting the gangster, "Mad Frankie" Frazer. Noye was sentenced to 14 years for handling gold from the Brink's Mat robbery.

With the help of corrupt British Telecom employees, the gang planned to tap into the telephone lines that link cash machines to the mainframe computers at the bank or building society's headquarters.

Confidential information from customers would have been downloaded using comouters and transferred onto false plastic cards which they would then use to withdraw cash from machines around the country.

But the gang was caught when a computer expert re-cruited in jail told the prison chaplain, who informed Scot-

land Yard's Organised Crime Group. Martin Grant was recruited while serving 16 years in Blantyre open prison for attempting to murder his wife and her child.

While in jail he was taking a degree in electronic communications and digital and logic design and was approached by the conspirators while on day release at a van hire firm owned by Paul Kidd, one of the defendants. At first he agreed to help but later changed his mind and confided in the Rev John Bourne.

He later gave a 300-page statement to police and is now



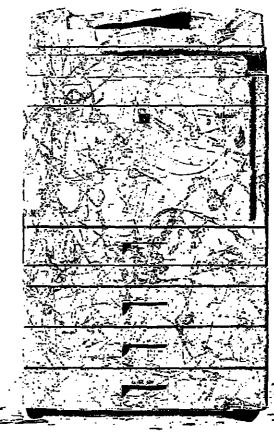
Noye: "put banking

living at a secret address. His statement led to police raids on July 25 last year at which five of the conspirators were caught "red-handed" at William Hayward's home in Yalding, Kent.

Detectives, who seized more than 70,000 blank cash cards and 28 computer disks. described the operation as the largest cashpoint fraud seen in Britain. They also found computer hardware and software designed to encode the cards with confidential account Continued on page 2, col 6

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Kensington to oust Scott

The Conservative MP Sir Nicholas Scott last night lost the first round of his fight to avoid deselection after being found slumped in the street during the party conference. An emergency meeting of

the Kensington and Chelsea constituency executive rejected a medical explanation for the collapse and voted to replace him. Sir Nicholas insisted that he would take the fight for his seat to the full constituency association.

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blame the women's rights groups for wanting me kicked groups for wanting me kicked as more than Gascoigne the out," he said. "They have their footballer because football's a LETTERS 21 TV & RADIO 50, 51 OBITUARIES23 LIBBY PURVES CROSSWORDS......26, 52

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Rapier leaves no evidence of wounding

ernment front bench tions yesterday, I felt unsettled. Something was different, but what? The picture seemed familiar: Welsh Secretary at Dispatch box, flanked by junior ministers. Civil servants in their box. Beside ministers, the Duty Whip, exercise-book opened across her lap, and . . . Her lap? So that was it! A

To see a woman in the role amazes us, as those who saw the first woman police constable must have been amazed. Soon we shall think nothing of it, but the initial encounter knocks you back, Jacqui Lait has been described by the Chief Whip Alistair Goodlad as "a good man". Green-suited

she looked a motherly figure in her new position as departmental whip for Wales. Of 38 MPs for Wales, 37 are men. After Welsh Questions came

the debate on Michael Howard's Crime (Sentences) Bill. It was refreshing to be reminded of what was once a Tory speciality: old fashioned discourtesy. The rapier instead of the crowbar. The politesse which subtly wounds

At this, Douglas Hurd is unsurpassed. In a speech on the present Home Secretary's Bill, this former Home Secretary spoke not a word about Michael Howard except in his praise. Indeed he singled him out for support. Yet Mr Hurd left us confident he thought the Bill an ill-considered piece of



vulgar populism; confident — yet unable to cite a single sentence by way of example. Hurd attacked, not Mr Howard, but Howard's Labour Shadow, Jack Straw. "After much thought, extensive research, and - probably nowadays - a little prayer," he chuckled, of new Labour's

policymaking process. Hurd considered Mr Howard's populism ill-judged, but he did not say so. He said these sentencing measures were "sometimes portrayed in the press as stages in some desperate race for votes". Ah,

the press. Mr Hurd considered a key passage in the Bill to be ill-drafted, but he did not say so. He said MPs in both Houses would want to mull over it very carefully indeed, to be sure this vital passage was precisely right.

He believed Mr Howard

had not properly thought through the effect on prisons, but he did not say so. He said we must all be careful to give prisons the attention they

By the time Douglas Hurd sat down yesterday, we felt sure we had heard a call for a

more humane and cautious approach to prisons. He had tickled Michael Howard lightly with his rapier, but the wound was palpable. In cold print, this morning, however, Hansard will yield little to support that interpretation.

Mr Hurd was followed, from his own side, by another former Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker. Mr Baker was less arch in his implied

Praising Hurd's argument, he described his concern for prisons, now "virtually bursting at the seams". In a memorable passage he re-marked that he had visited more prisons than most. Prisoners were for the most part not monsters but "inadequate people: failures in life, failures at crime. Ignorant, badly educated, often almost illiterate, unskilled and untrained".
Prisons, he added, "are not full of professional criminals; they are full of professional prisoners".

Kenneth Baker resumed his seat. His speech had implied criticism, not just of Mr Howard's Bill, but of his whole approach to criminology. But in Hansard this morning you will find not a word you could call disloyal.

After Douglas Hurd's speech, Labour's Donald Anderson (Swansea E) had told MPs they had just heard "the voice of a different age of Torvism".

After hearing Kenneth Baker too, I felt sure that he was

Noye

data on tens of thousands of bank, credit card and building society customers.

Noye was not arrested or charged, but Miss Curnow said: "Noye played a prominent role in various meetings organised by Lloyd in connection with these matters. Certain it is that Noye and Lloyd were close associates."

The seven defendants will be sentenced next monthafter pleading guilty to conspiracy to steal. They face a maximum of seven years in jail. Their guilty pleas came after 10 days of legal argument during which defence lawyers sought to have the case dismissed for lack of admissible evidence.

Judge Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, said: "The conspirators had dreams of realising vast amounts of money possibly running into hundreds of millions of pounds.

The prosecution case is that both in the UK and across the globe the gang planned to obtain cash from ATMs by the use of counterfeited cash and credit cards."

The court was guarded by police marksmen inside the building and on surrounding roofs throughout the hearing and the judge agreed to 24hour protection for the jury in the event of a trial.

The defendants, John Lloyd, 57, of West Kingsdown; Paul Kidd, 36, of Meopham; Graham Moore, 32, of Erith; Stephen Seton, 65, of Chislell of Kent; Stephel Moore, 41, of Leytonstone, east London: William Hayward of Yalding, Kent and John Maguire, 36, of Mottingham, Kent, admitted conspiracy to steal cash from banks, building societies and financial institutions. They denied a charge of conspiracy to de-fraud, which will be allowed to

lie on file. Noye, who served eight years for handling proceeds of the £26 million Brink's Mat gold bullion robbery in 1983, is currently wanted for question-ing by Kent police in connection with the death of Stephen Cameron in May. He is thought to be in Spain.

At one time Noye was suspected of hiding in north-em Cyprus, where he has had holidays and investigated buying property. There were also rumours he had flown to Russia where he has also business opportunities.

British Telecom last night admitted that the gang gained access to the telephone exchanges through corrupt BT employees but denied security had been lax.

"BT personnel identified have been dismissed and a further member of the gang had already left the company. a spokesman said.
The fraud was not success-

ful and no credit cards were actually cloned. We are confident that our security procedures meant that the proposed fraud could not have succeeded, even without the intervention of the police."

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I was national disgrace, admits Duchess of York

The Duchess of York has admitted that she was unworthy to be a member of the Royal Family in a surprisingly self-critical autobiography, serialised in *Hellol* magazine. The Duchess admits that she became "a national disgrace" after the infamous "toe-sucking" topless photographs of her were published. Hello! paid more than £100.000 for serialisation rights to her autobiography.

Airline may sue brawling family

A father and son whose brawl forced an Airtours flight from Tenerife to Birmingham to divert to Lisbon could face a hefty bill from the airline. The father, identified only as a man in his 60s from west Yorkshire, and his son, in his 30s, were released without charge. Airtours said it was considering suing them for the cost of diverting the flight.

Argentine general visits MoD

The most senior Argentine military officer to make an official visit to Britain since the Falklands war was greeted outside the Ministry of Defence by a ceremonial goard mounted by the Royal Regiment of Wales. Lieutenant General Martin Balza, who fought as an artillery officer in the war, spent the day with ministers and officials.

Arran ferry strike called off

A ferry strike that would have cut the only mainland link to Arran, off western Scotland, was called off at the last minute yesterday. The RMT union representing 140 Caledonian MacBrayne ferrymen held five hours of talks with management to avert a strike arising from a pay dispute. The union said that it had reached an improved deal.

Phone pest quits school

A teacher has resigned his post as head of religious studies at a public school after bombarding a music mistress with nuisance calls. James Hobson. 54, who taught at Wells Cathedral School, Somerset, had been cautioned by police for making 913 calls to Julie Wood, 37, when she ended their maketing the calls to Julie Wood, 37, when she ended

Ex-soldiers on kidnap charge

Two former soldiers, Derek Neale, 34, and Derek Lazell. 1 wo former soldiers, Derek Neale, 34, and Derek Lazel.
43, both of Basildon, Essex, were remanded in custody for a week at Stevenage, Hertfordshire, accused of kidnapping and false imprisonment of Joanne Norris, 30, a secretary. Police are planning to fly to Turkey, where Ms Norris was last night reported safe with her former husband.

Harassed woman took overdose

A widow who recovered from cancer died of a drug overdose after she was plagued for months by noisy neighbours, an inquest was told. Sylvia Stewart, 56, of Chelmsley Wood, Solihull, kept a diary of the harassment she suffered. The landing outside her two-bedroom flat was regularly strewn with dirty nappies and empty-beer cans.

Tourism warning by travel agents

Mass tourism is threatening the world's most remote and beautiful places, some tour operators said at the Association of British Travel Agents' annual convention in Istanbul. Roger Heape, managing director of British Airways Holidays, urged delegates and foreign govern-ments not to allow unrestricted growth.

Landlord defied drinks ban

Stephen Williams of the Coach Inn at Clynnog Fawr, North Wales, was fined £350 for selling drinks to non-residents on a Sunday in Britain's only "dry" area. Tomorrow a referendum will decide whether puls can open on Sundays in the new area of Gwynedd, created by a merger of "dry" Dwylor and "wet" Caernarion and Meirionnydd.

ITV chiefs plan monarchy poll

ITV is to hold a poil on the future of the monarchy as the centrepiece of its winter factual programming. The investigative journalist Roger Cook will present Monarchy.

The Nation Decides, to be screened in the new year. It will feature a L000-strong audience at the NEC in Birmingham and a telephone poll of millions more.

Light relief for Prince in Kiev



The Prince of Wales, who is touring former Soviet republics in central Asia, sat down for pre-dinner drinks with President Kuchma of Ukraine yesterday when the Mariyinskiy Palace in Kiev was blacked out. A limousine was driven up to the doors, which were swung open for the car lights to illuminate the hall until power was restored.

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Gallagher award fetches £8,500

An Oasis fan has paid £8,500 for the Ivor Novello songwriting award snubbed by Noel Gallagher. The proceeds will go to help children with cancer. The 29, did not turn up at the award ceremony because it was given jointly to Blur, which he saw as a publicity stunt to prolong the so-called "battle of the bands".

Baker and Hurd attack Howard on **Crime Bill**

By James Landale, political reporter

DOUGLAS HURD and Kenneth Baker, both former Tory Home Secretaries, yesterday combined in a strong attack on Michael Howard's plans for tough mandatory sentences for repeat offenders.

They joined other senior Tories to warn the Home Secretary against turning the Crime (Sentences) Bill into a "race for votes". In the first sign of serious Conservative unease about the centrepiece to the Government's last programme before the election, Mr Hurd and Mr Baker were joined by Peter Brooke, the former Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Peter Lloyd, the former Home Office minister and Robert Jackson, the former Education Minister, in voicing reservations about the Bill. They called for greater emphasis on education and

Gates woos Major and Blair over network

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE billionaire American courted John Major and Tony Blair yesterday as he pressed his claim to be involved in the information superhighway plans of both political parties.

The founder of the Microsoft software empire met both leaders to discuss their plans to introduce a national computer network into schools, colleges and libraries. a key campaign issue as the parties underline their commitment to the

During two hour-long meetings. Mr Gates discussed the Government's launch this week of a consultation document on information technology, which is expected to set out Conservative plans to make Britain a leading force in the field of computers. Mr Blair's aides said that the Labour leader was keen to hear Mr Gates' views on Labour's plans for a national computer network that Labour says already has the backing of banks and BT. The meeting with Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, was described as "very positive".

training within prisons and said that plans for greater honesty in sentencing could lead to greater pressure on judges to impose longer The Bill, which came up for

Second Reading in the Commons yesterday, would force courts to impose life sentences on anyone convicted for a second time of a serious violent or sexual crime, such as attempted murder or rape. Minimum sentences of seven years for drug trafficking and three years for burglary would also be imposed on third time offenders.

Mr Howard's proposals have been attacked by some judges but yesterday's remarks, in what appeared to be a co-ordinated effort, form the strongest criticism yet of the plans from within the Tory

Mr Baker, MP for Mole Valley, told MPs: "The evidence on minimum sentences in America is at best not proven. Others would say that they are ineffective and potentially dangerous. He warned Mr Howard that violent criminals or rapists, offending for a third time, could well consider killing their victim because they now faced the same sentence as murder. He understood the Government's desire to signal that criminals faced tough sentences but warned: They must be careful to monitor this provision to make sure that they do not have any unwanted and perverse effects."

Mr Baker warned that the Bill would be "unacceptable" without the judges' discretion-ary powers to ignore the mandatory sentences.

RONNIE FLANAGAN, the

new Chief Constable of the

RUC, confirmed yesterday

that the IRA leadership held

"a very significant" meeting

over the weekend to determine

the future of its terrorist

Speaking in Belfast on his

first day in his new post, Mr

Flanagan said there was little

chance of an imminent IRA

ceasefire and warned of fur-

ther bomb attacks in Northern

freland and on the British

mainland. However, Mr Flan-

agan said he believed that IRA

would eventually renew its

ceasefire because republicans

knew that they could achieve

their aims more effectively by

His comments came after

intense speculation over the

weekend that the IRA held a

rare General Army Conven-

tion, the supreme decision-

making body.

The Chief Constable

stopped short of describing the

meeting as a convention. But

he added: "We believe a very

significant meeting took place

political means.

campaign.

Mr Hurd, MP for Witney. called for greater emphasis on education within prisons. which he said was central to the criminal justice system. He warned of the dangers of ignoring rehabilitation within prisons. "In the medium term, whether prison works depends not just on the length of the sentence but what happens in the prison," he said.

The case for training, probation, for work, education in prisons, is the case for the future protection of the public and is directly relevant to this Bill. If that case is neglected, then it is possible that our prisons will turn out more accomplished criminals and the purpose of this Bill will in medium and long term be

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Ronnie Flanagan speaking on his first day as Chief Constable of the RUC

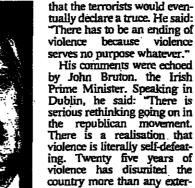
New RUC chief warns

of further IRA attacks

Bruton: echoed views

over the past weekend. I am sad to report at this stage that I have nothing to hand which indicates that a restoration of the ceasefire is imminent. He expected the terrorists would attack "highly selective" targets, including security bases

and individuals Although Mr Flanagan was pessimistic about the chances of a renewed IRA ceasefire in the short term, he was hopeful

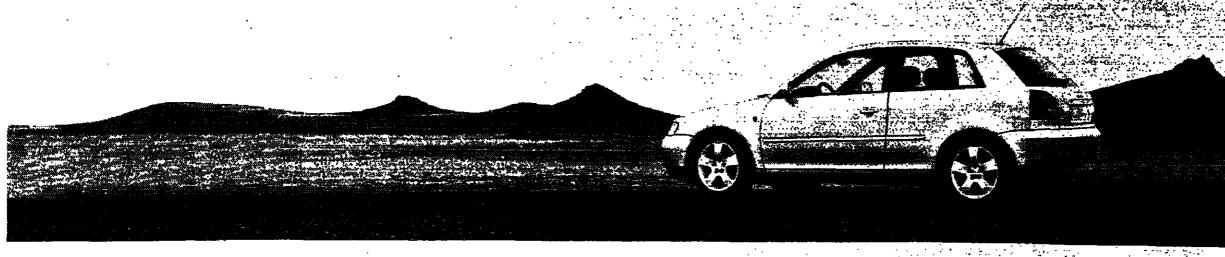






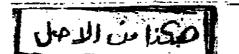
nal agent." ☐ Unionists yesterday accused the Government of making concessions to the IRA in order to prevent further

terrorist attacks. Their comments came after it emerged that John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, had acted as intermediary between the Govern-ment and Sinn Fein to negotiate the terms for a renewed IRA ceasefire. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, denied the Government was negotiating with Sinn Fein or the IRA.



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'It was just like Richard Gere and Julia Roberts in the film Pretty Woman'

Business with tax inspector turned to love, says prostitute

A PROSTITUTE told the Old Bailey yesterday that she was paid hundreds of pounds to have regular sex with a senior Inland Revenue tax inspector

in a West End hotel.

Michelle Corrigan said that
Michelle Allcock told her he
looked after rich people's finances. I took it to mean he was some kind of financial adviser," she said.

The prosecution alleges that Mr Allcock's first session with Miss Corrigan was paid for by Hisham Alwan, an Iraqi-born oil consultant who paid eight hotel bills for the couple. In return Mr Alwan did not have to pay a £120,000 tax bill,

according to the prosecution.

Mr Allcock, 47, from Colchester, denies 13 charges of corruption between 1987 and 1992. Mr Alwan, 56, from Knightsbridge, London, denies three charges of corrup-tion. David Shamoon, 66, from West Kensington, London, denies one allegation of corruption.

Miss Corrigan, 30, told the court that her relationship with Mr Alicock changed from a financial transaction into love. She said she was doing part-time modelling in the 1980s when she met a man in Essex she named as David Sullivan_

When she visited him, he asked her if she was interested in escort work. He allegedly gave her Mr Alwan's number and she rang him the next day. I went to a flat in the Olympia area and while there I had sexual intercourse with Mr Alwan. He gave me about £200 cash and a cheque for

Later she met him at Carlton Court in Maida Vale, which she described as flatlets. "just like a hotel, really". She received about "a couple of hundred quid" each time they met. Mr Alwan later told her he owed a friend a favour and introduced her to Mr Alloock at the hotel and gave her a

white envelope. envelope. It was in cash — having a good time. She said: £200. It was the first time I "I could see he was a wealthy had ever seen Mr Allcock. I

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Cadogan Gardens, "a very flash sort of house"

slept with him." The second time they met Mr Alwan dropped Mr Allcock off at the door of the hotel from a white Mercedes. Mr Allcock had given her a cheque for £200. "I met him about a dozen times at the Carlton Court and continued to have sex with him. Every time I met him, he gave me another cheque or

"Sometimes it was only £20, sometimes it was £200, sometimes more. I was given cheques for about £200 or £250, sometimes more. I put them into my bank."

Miss Corrigan said they had stopped going to Carlton Court because Mr Allcock had got a rash from the sheets and he wanted somewhere a bit nicer. "He told me he had found a nice place at Cadogan Gardens. We met there for about a couple of years. I met him once a week, sometimes not in a couple of weeks, sometimes less than that."

She described Cadogan Gardens as a very posh, very Sloaney, very flash sort of house". They usually used the same room, "It was our joke. It was number 69. I did not know what he did. He did not

tell me anything."

Miss Corrigan said she was
"gob smacket" When she later learnt he was a tax inspector. She had not asked what he did

man, taking me to nice places

and make-up from Gucci and Harvey Nichols. She had wanted a new car and he gave her a £3,000 cheque towards it, she said, and money towards its insurance. They stayed together at various hotels in Brighton, Hampshire and Surrey. On her birthday he took Miss Corrigan to The Sporting Club in London. When he was suspended "he

said he would not be able to see me for a while and if people asked me questions, just to say how we met in a wine bar and not to mention Hisham's name," she said. Miss Corrigan said he told

Sullivan or anyone else or he would be in trouble. "People like David Sullivan did not mess about," she said he told her. The trial continues.



cash to one of love.

Mr Arlidge said: "Although
you started off as client and prostitute within a short time the two of you had fallen in love with each other?" Miss Corrigan replied: "Yes, that is right. Our rela-tionship gradually changed. He wanted to see me more often and stop seeing other people. I was falling in love /ith him."

Miss Corrigan agreed that she had an impudent streak and said that on one occasion when a pompous couple annoyed her in a restaurant, she reacted to them by pulling up her skirt and showing them her underwear.

and buying me lovely things." She told the court they began

to fall in love. Miss Corrigan agreed with Anthony Arlidge.

QC, for the defence, that the

affair was in Pretty Woman territory. Like the actors in

the film, their relationship changed quickly from sex for

They twice went on holiday together, which the prosecution alleges was at the expense of other wealthy businessmen whom Mr Alicock, 49, was investigating. On the first trip, to Marbella, they were taken by taxi to a villa. "He had been there before and knew where everything was," Miss Corrigan said. "He said he would take me to the Marbella Beach

"There was champagne and wine in the fridge with some food and some flowers with a note. We polished off the champagne," Miss Corrigan told the jury. They had gone shopping and he had bought

her clothes and shoes.
"He said he had a bank account and was putting money into it monthly. He talked about buying a house. We were in love, planning a future together. Our relationship became more permanent," she said.

On a second trip a year later - this time to Majorca - they stayed at a large villa with a swimming pool. While there Mr Allcock gave her £1,000 in Allcock paid six months' rent of £1,500 on her flat in Portsmouth, gave her a £220 sunbed and paid off her £1,000 credit card debt, the court was

Other gifts included a £675 watch, designer clothes, shoes

her not to mention David

Labour high-flyer robbed party account of £30,000

Michael Allcock, who denies 13 charges of corruption, outside the Old Bailey yesterday

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE accountant who wore smart suits and lived in an expensive flat appeared to be the model parliamentary candidate for new Labour. But David Hurst was secret-

 ly siphoning thousands of pounds from his constituency party's bank accounts to pay for his lifestyle, Bristol Crown Court was told yesterday.

The former Bath party trea-surer admitted four specimen charges of forging constituency party cheques and asked for So other offences to be taken into consideration. He was jailed for 15 months.

Hurst, 35, was chosen as prospective parliamentary candidate to fight Bath in July last year after serving two years as treasurer. The seat was won at the last general election by the Liberal Demo-crat Don Foster from Chris Patten, the former Conservative Party chairman.

He was forced to step down as treasurer two months later when he was exposed in The Sun newspaper as a benefit cheat who had fraudulently claimed unemployment benefit and rent for four years while working as an account-



Hurst: stole to support lifestyle beyond means

ant for 50 small businesses. Labour Party officials ordered an investigation into the party's own books. The inquiry revealed that thousands of pounds were missing and he was arrested shortly afterwards.

The court was told that Hurst, from Bath, began forging the signature of another authorised signatory on local party cheques in March 1994. Martin Picton, for the prosecution, said that altogether he transferred 42 cheques from a party account to his own bank and later withdrew the cash. In total he siphoned off £31,014. Neil Ford, for Hurst, said he

began forging cheques when he found himself in debt. The fraud coincided with his rapid rise through the ranks of the local Labour Party. Mr Ford said: "It was quite

clain they were viewing him as a potential party candidate in Bath. There was a pressure to live up to their expectations. He moved to a better flat, bought smarter clothes and lived well beyond his means. It was all done to pay off his debts and, rather pathetically, to support the image." Towards the end, he had turned to gambling in an attempt to win back the stolen money.

Hurst's position as prospective parliamentary candidate has been taken by another accountant, Tim Bush. Labour hopes to double the 4,102 votes

polled in April 1992.

Ross Hayman, a regional party officer, said after the hearing: We have now put this episode behind us and we are working very hard with Tim Bush in preparation for forthcoming election



Miss Corrigan said that every time she met Mr Allcock he gave her cash or a cheque

Teenager given three months for carrying a knife

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who claimed he bought a "lethal" hunting knife for use in fishing trips was sent to a young offenders' institution for 90 days yesterday. Glen Sibbons, 19, a firsttime offender, became the second man within four days to be jailed under new laws against knife carriers.

Last week Dean Payne, 26, was the first man to be jailed under the new legislation. He was sentenced to two weeks for carrying three knives.

At Marylebone Magistrates' Court, David Kennett-Brown accepted Payne did not have the weapons for offensive purooses but said that "in the light of the great public fear" of people carrying knives, a prison sentence was called for. It was a view that Rosamond Keating, a fellow stipendiary magistrate, formed in Sibbons's case.

He claimed he bought the black-handled knife with a chunky six-inch blade for fishing. But, holding the knife up at Horseferry Road Magis-trates' Court in Westminster, Mrs Keating said: "This is a lethal weapon."

She sent Sibbons, a labourer, to a young offenders' institution for 90 days, saying: "An offence of having a knife like this is is so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified."

Sibbons, of east London, had previously pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of a bladed article, an offence that only became imprisonable on July 4 this year under the Offensive Weapons Act. Alun Millord, for the prosecution, told the court that on September 6 Sibbons and a group of friends had been drinking at Kavanagh's Irish Bar in the Old Brompton Road, Chelsea, and were involved in an argument.

The assistant manager asked them to leave after Sibbons told him he had a knife. He pulled the weapon out of one pocket and a sheath from another, replacing the weapon in his pocket after putting it into the sheath.

Police were called as the group was leaving the club and when stopped, Sibbons denied he was carrying a knife. The sheath was found in his pocket but not the knife. which was then spotted in the gutter near to where Sibbons vas standing.

When interviewed later, he said he had been drunk that night but denied having the knife on him. But Sibbons admitted the offence at an earlier hearing, when he was bailed for reports.

He claimed he had bough the knife from a workmate three or four weeks before his arrest and had left it in his locker. He said he intended to use it on fishing trips and only had it with him on the night in question because he had cleared his locker out before leaving work. Sibbons had no previous convictions but had been cautioned in 1994 for having an offensive weapon.



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On his twenty-first birthday John Ridgway's father gave him a Rolex. "My mother had a Rolex, so that's probably why," he says. At the time none of them could have guessed what trials it was to be put through.

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the world which broke all records. "It's just always kept going," he says of his Rolex: having done precisely the same thing himself.

a non-stop voyage round

For he then went on to paddle alongside the first woman ever to canoe round Cape Horn - his own daughter. Recently he sailed his entire family from Scotland to Antarctica via Polynesia, a perilous odyssey of eighteen months.

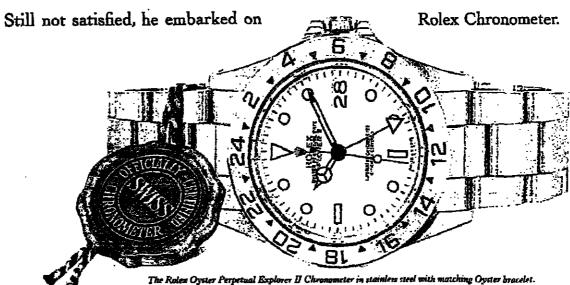
Naturally his family assist Ridgway in his Adven-

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ture School near Cape Wrath in Scotland, where he passes his leadership skills on to the intrepid.

"Positive thinking is all-important, and direct physical challenges, such as surviving a storm, sharpen the mind remarkably," he observes. Then he adds, "The challenges of modern life can be rather more insidious."

Blizzards, hurricanes, icebergs, tropical storms; it seems John Ridgway shrugs off everything but his trusted and well-travelled



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Academics join battle over site of business school

THE fate of Oxford University's proposed £40 million busiess school is likely to go to a ballot of dons, whatever the outcome of a highly charged debate in the university parliament this afternoon.

Hundreds of academics are expected to attend today's meeting of Congregation to vote on a special resolution releasing the University Club sports ground to be the site for the building that will house the school. But either side can demand a postal vote if the result is not clear-cut.

Professor John Kay, who will head Oxford's School of Management Studies, said a postal vote seemed inevitable, but today's vote would be crucial to the project's success.

Even if the result was reversed later, it would be hugely damaging if the vote in Congregation went the wrong way. It would make it much more difficult to recruit top academics or attract donors."

that Wafic Said, the Middle Eastern businessman, might withdraw his 520 million donation if the proposal is reject-ed. No alternative site has been identified for the school. Opponents might be voting for a variety of reasons. Some

disapprove of Mr Said, a friend of Baroness Thatcher who helped British Aerospace win a big arms contract with Saudi Arabia. Others would prefer that university fundraising activities were con-centrated on other disciplines. A flysheet in the latest Ox-ford University Gazette ar-

gues that scarce sports facilities will be further depleted if the scheme goes ahead. The land was sold to the university by Merton College in 1964 on condition that it was kept as open space. Another site has been promised for the University Club, but the flysheet's ten signatories say: The university should place greater value on its own word and the amenity of the citizens of Oxford than the desire of an individual donor to have his building on the last remaining green-field site in central Oxford."

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Gladstone bags model job but opts for A levels

A 16-YEAR-OLD descendant of William Gladstone, the Liberal Prime Minister, has turned ber back on a lucrative modelling contract in Paris to study for her A levels (Kathryn Knight writes). Olivia Inge, the great-great-great-granddaughter

of William Gladstone, was offered her own apartment, a clothing allowance and potential earnings of £10,000 a day after being spotted by



the French agency Metropol-itan while visiting an aunt in Paris last month. Instead, levels in English, theatre studies and French at Wells Cathedral School in Somerset, turning down the chance to join Metropolitan models Eva Herzigova and Claudia Schiffer. "Although I was tempted, I decided I wanted to get my A levels behind me," Miss Inge said. "Mod-

world and I need something to fall back од." One cousin, Cecilia Chan cellor, is a model and another is the actress Anna Chancellor - Duckface in Four Weddings and a Funeral Miss Inge is not spurning modelling com-pletely. She is hoping to

work for the London agency

Models One during her school holidays.

elling is an extremely tough

Increase in appeals over exams disrupts university admissions

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

AN UPSURGE in appeals against GCSE and A-level grades is forcing examining boards and universities to rethink their traditional procedures, according to the head of the independent authority which arbitrates on disputes.

University admissions offi-cers reported a big increase in the thousands of A-level grades increased on appeal this summer. Some universi-ties are now holding places open while candidates challenge their grades and there are proposals for an express service to ensure that the process is completed in time for degree admissions to go

ahead smoothly.

Dame Elizabeth Anson, who chairs the Independent Appeals Authority for School Examinations, said yesterday that a culture of appeals had grown up as schools and parents recognised the poten-tial benefits. A variety of explanations has been put forward for the trend, including the influence of examina-

primary school where er than teach a ten-yearold boy. Plans to restore individual tuition for Matthew Wilson at the ense of the Manton School in Worksop, Not-

tion league tables. Martin Stephen, the High Master of Manchester Grammar School, wrote in *The Times* on Friday that an unscrupulous school could use an appeal as an excuse for not submitting

doned after opposition from parents. Three gov-ernors, including the

chairman, have resigned.

poor A-level results.

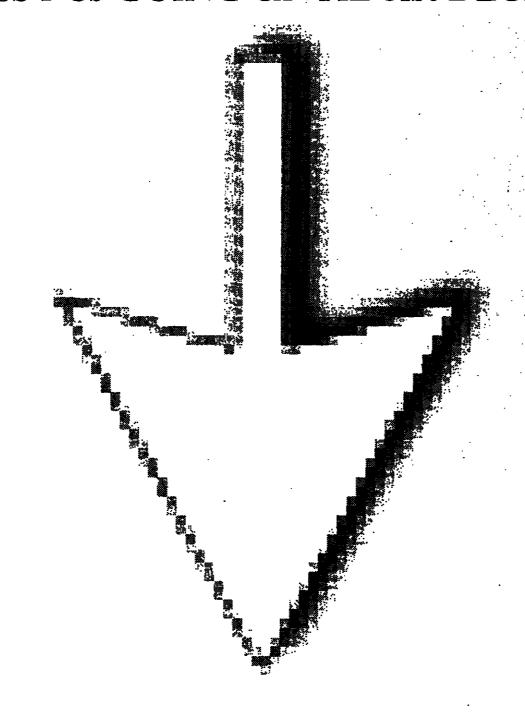
Anthony McClaran, deputy chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said universities were obliged to accept applicants whose amended results met

the terms of their offer by the end of August, but most were willing to hold open a place for the following year if the appealdragged on Most appeals large numbers remain to be settled when the academic

year begins. At a press conference in London to launch the IAASE's annual report. Lady Anson said: "Even if you apply as quickly as you can, you still could not get your place at university because it is already settled. We would like universities to wait at least until the end of September before they reject someone who is in the

process of appealing."
Proposals for a reform of the appeals process are expected later this year when arrange-ments are finalised for a single body to oversee academic and Among the issues under consideration will be whether to give schools the right to examine contested examination

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IF only Barry Porter, the Conservative MP who died of throat cancer this week, had limited his enthusiasm to beer without tobacco he might have avoided the cancer which killed him:

When Mr Porter started in local politics, it operated in a traditionally smoke filled, The association between cigarettes, alcohol and cancer is an interesting one.

A cursory glance at the statistics would make any drinker leave his glass of beer or whisky untouched. The standard reference book, Alcohol and the Gastro-Intestinal Tract, says that 75 per cent of oesophageal gullet cancers and 50 per cent of mouth and laryngeal cancers in the United States are associated with drinking. For many of those who enjoy an evening drink, the good news is lower down on the same

Despite the actual statistical association and exhaustive experimental studies, none has shown alcohol to be directly cancer forming, but they have demonstrated that alcohol, when combined with an environmental factor, in

particular tobacco, can be

Barry Porter victim of political environm

workers in the distillery inspirit drinking was not, conated with increased oesophageal cancer and that in fact light spirit drinkers had a lower incidence of this tuis only when the worker became a heavy drinker that

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alcohol became a factor. Although tobacco is the take with alcohol, other cirtate malignant changes in the mouth, throat or upper intestinal tract in heavy drinkers. Drinking, if it is associated with malnutrition, is known to be hazardous and there is an increased incidence in these cancers in under-nour ished heavy drinkers.

A recent study published in the Japanese Journal of Clinical Oncology reported that in Japan the life-threatening combination was alcohol and hot drinks. The North Country habit of drinking tea which is so hot that it burns the throat has always been recognised as a potential risk. ways existed that showed that in those who are able to swallow hot drinks without flinching, a tumour is liable to grow at a slightly higher level than it would in those whose dictary mistake is to combine alcohol and tobacco.



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Student' buys mortar as firework confusion reigns

By Adrian Lee and Damian Whitworth

MORTAR-STYLE fireworks, similar to the one which killed a City trader at the weekend, were still openly on sale to the public yesterday amid confusion over safety laws.

A Times reporter, posing as a student, bought one device for £25, with a £10 cardboard firing tube, from a shop in east London. The Chinese-made firework was clearly stamped for professional use only". An advertisement claims it soars 300ft into the air and detonates with an explosion covering a quarter of an acre.

One expert from the Institute of Trading Standards Administration said it was illegal to sell the firework, called a Half and Half Chrysanthemum, to members of the public without checking that they were competent to explode it. However, legislation is so confusing that another trading standards officer said he believed the shop had done nothing illegal but should have given clearer instructions.

The weekend deaths of Steve Timcke, 34, a City trader, from Dartford, Kent, and David Hattersley, 45, a head teacher, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, have

The cost of fireworks and safety fears are expected to prompt people to attend organised displays rather than hold private parties tonight. Many councils have decided to make events free. Leeds City Council estimates that up to 40,000 will visit Roundhay Park for a half-hour display to the strains of film themes, hit musicals and popular classics. Other big displays around the country include:

Birmingham: Pype Hayes Park. Bonfire from 6.30pm, fireworks at 7pm and 9pm. £3 adults. £1.50 children. Carlisle: Bitts Park, Carlisle. Bonfire lit at 7pm. Fireworks on castle battlements from 7.15pm. Free.

Chesterfield: Stand Road Recreation Ground, Stand Road, Whittington Moor. Fireworks from 7.30pm. Pree. Edinburgh: Meadowbank Sports Centre. Doors open 6pm,

fireworks at 7pm. Tickets £1.50/£1. Glasgow: Glasgow Green. Fireworks 6:30 to 8:30pm. Free. Luton: Wardown Park, Old Bedford Road. Gates open 6.30pm, fireworks from 7.30pm. £2.50.

Liverpool: Setton Park, Albert Dock and Walton Hall Park will all have fireworks at 8pm. Free. Manchester: Heaton Park, bonfire 7 to 10pm, fireworks from 8pm. Free. Wythenshawe Park, bonfire 7,30pm, fireworks from

Suffolk: Islington Suffolk Site, Thornham Magna. Bonfire and barbeque open, Breworks 7pm. £1.50; £1 children. Warrington: Victoria Park, Knutsford Road, Warrington. Bonfire 7.30pm, fireworks 8pm. 12 adults, £1 children.

change was in name only, replacing a firework licence

with an import authority, but

has promised to review

The IIb firework was bought

by The Times from Big Bang

Fireworks, in Bethnal Green

style fireworks to be banned and safety laws tightened. Campaigners claim that a

relaxation of trade barriers three years ago led to an influx of dangerous foreign fireworks and helped to cause a sharp leap in injuries. The prompted calls for mortar- Government said that the

sold the firework, offering a discount for two. She did not check whether the buyer was a fireworks expert or whether the planned display would be properly organised or in a back garden. She did point out that it should not be detonated in a small area. It carried a label stating that it complied with British Standards and a warning that it-could cause fatal injuries, that spectators

was an estate agency, but it is being rented for a few weeks to

take advantage of the seasonal

firework trade with a £10.20

registration purchased from

the local authority. Tower

A saleswoman in the shop

fired from the 125mm tube. The assistant said that the tube should be carefully buried. "One guy who bought one blew up his shed by accident," The British Standards Insti-

should be at least 25 metres

away and that it should be

tution, which classifies fireworks, said any device marked for professional use only should not be sold to the public. Dave Roderick, a spokesman for the Institute of Trading Standards, said: That's an offence, shouldn't have been sold that. We would have expected them to ask reasonable questions

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For professional use only: yet this mortar-style firework was sold over the counter with no questions asked

reasonable proof that you were competent. You can see why people get their heads blown off."

John Finch, a consumer services officer at Tower Hamlets council, said: "I would like this banned. They are outrageous." He believed the shop was within its rights to was clearly labelled in English. Nathan Gates, who works at the shop, said: "As we understand it, we are doing

nothing illegal. We have sold quite a few. The mark-up is very good."

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Wetherby, West Yorkshire, which imported the firework.

the joint managing director, added: "After the two tragedies over the weekend, we had a board meeting and we will not be importing the shells in 1997 for use by anyone."



Gabrielle Harvey-Jones with Sir John yesterday

Troubleshooter's daughter wins damages over fall

By BILL FROST

SIR John Harvey-Jones, the by her father, who employed former chairman of ICI, last her as his secretary at the night launched a bitter attack on a restaurant owned by the Queen's nephew Lord Linley where his disabled daughter suffered a fall that had "ruined" her life.

He claimed that staff at Deals in Cheisea Harbour, southwest London, had shown neither compassion nor contern after the accident. Their behaviour towards his daughter Gabrielle, who contracted polio at the age of four, had been "monstrous", he added.

His comments came as Miss Harvey-Jones, 45, won undisclosed damages after a six-year legal battle over the fall at Viscount Linley's restaurant. Having gone there in November 1990 for lunch with two friends, she fell and broke her leg, a hearing at Central London County Court was told. She claimed to have slipped on a wet patch of floor.

After the fall she was given a glass of water and asked to move from the floor "because it was putting off the other diners. Her calliper had bro-ken her left leg in two places and she needed a metal plate inserted at the Charing Cross Hospital. She needed further treatment later. Accompanied

Although saddened by the death of Jack Tinker (Obituary, October 29), Princess Margaret wishes to point out that, while she met him on a number of occasions, he never acted as her "walker".



ing Miss Harvey-Jones, told the court that a settlement had been reached and Neil Block, representing the restaurant owners, Lachmead Ltd. confirmed the agreement: John Smith, for Lachmead Group, said: "We are unable to comment on the settlement, or the events leading up to it, as they are subject

agreement."

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Ambitious electronic conspiracy could have added up to the biggest bank raid in history

How gang planned to tap into 30 million accounts

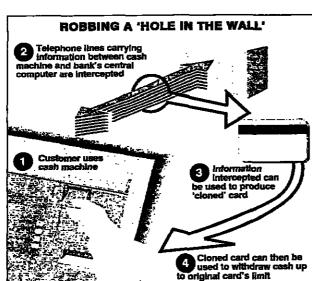
THE conviction of seven conspirators at London's Southwark Crown Court vesterday on charges of attempting to milk hundreds of millions of pounds from the international banking system put paid to what could have been the biggest-ever electronic scam.

The multimillion-pound con, alleged to have been devised by Kenneth Naye. who was not in court, was simple. With the help of corrupt British Telecom employees the plastic card fraudsters would tap into the telephone lines that link the national networks of 21,000 Automated Telling Machines - or cash machines - to the mainframe computers at the bank or building society's headquarters. Between them. these computers contain all the relevant details of the estimated 30 million personal accounts held in this country.

The gang of seven would

use other electronic devices. including computer hardware and software, to decipher or de-encrypt the information. These vital details on personal accounts were then to be downloaded on to bogus plas-

It is understood that when officers from the cheque and credit card squad of the Metropolitan Police, assisted by the fraud division of the Association for Payment Clearing



Services, the trade body for plastic card issuers, raided premises in July last year, they found 30,000 "white" or blank cards, ready for use, plus a further 3,000 which had some details on already.
Once the fraudsters had

downloaded the personal details onto the cards they would have used these to withdraw cash from machines around the country. Investigators point out that plastic card fraudsters generally prefer the cash machines at non-bank locations, where the possibility of security cameras or other evices is less likely. Inquiries by The Times.

firms to conduct special investigations under Section 39 of the Banking Act into computer systems and security.
The convictions at Southwark Crown Court yesterday ended what is thought to be

the most ambitious attempt yet to use bogus plastic to steal money from the electronic banking system. Last year fraudsters struck at banks and building societies, including the Halifax, for a second time. In that case, the conmen used carncorders to film unsuspecting customers using cash machines. One long-lens camera, usually placed in a building opposite the cash machine, imed the front of the card while the other zoomed in on the vital PIN number being tapped in. When blown up on a large

that people can be the victims of so-called "phantom with-

drawals". The Bank of Eng-

land uses outside accountancy

screen the details were easy to distinguish and these were transferred to the magnetic strip of the bogus card, which was used to plunder the account. Since then, however, extra security chips are being included in plastic cards, making it much harder to carry out such a scam.

It was these extra security devices that doomed to failure the potential fraud exposed in court yesterday. It also led to the conmen becoming victims



Kenneth Noye and his wife Brenda. He is believed to be hiding in southern Spain

The man who disapppeared after the murder of Stephen Cameron

KENNETH NOYE'S photographs have been filed under the wanted list in every police station in Britain because he is a key suspect for the "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron on the M25 in May. Noye is still on the run. The itest revelations of links to the cash card gang come as many officers and the underworld believe Noye, 49, is safely hidden by criminal contacts in southern Spain. Noye disappeared from Brit-

murder of Mr Cameron, who was stabbed when he got out of his car to argue with the driver of a Land Rover Discovery. Noye has been linked to a similar car which was stered in the name of an alias he used for the bome of a mistress. Noye was also an informer for Scotland Yard. In 1984 be was arrested for the murder of John Fordham, a Yard undercover officer who was keeping him

MARTIN GRANT, the gang's

electrical expert, could spend the rest of his life under police

protection after telling detec-

Grant was approached by the gang and recruited while

serving a 16-year sentence in

Blantyre open prison, Kent,

for trying to kill his wife and baby son. But he confessed to

police a 300-page statement.

An electrician by trade,
Grant was first jailed in 1988.

Annoyed that he had been

passed over for promotion, he

had tried to sabotage the water

supply at Braintree, Essex,

Out of prison after a nine-

month sentence, he fell for a

25-year-old fire brigade con-

troller. They became lovers and Grant decide to get rid of

his wife, Debbie, and his baby

son, Lewis. He started by

trying to booby-trap the family

home and set fire to a sofa that

he hoped would cause furnes

His wife smelt burning and

escaped. When that failed he

deliberately drove into a tele-

graph pole in a quiet road. He

help but doubled back and set

fire to the car. His family were

saved by a passer-by. their ole At his trial, Grant begged survived.

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Now he faces years on the run like Anthony Black, the

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other countries to make moves

go smoother, but sometimes

the criminals find it difficult to

adjust. Some "supergrasses'

have returned eventually to

the serious crime

Although few informants

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remained a minor.

Supergrass may

spend life under

police protection

By Stewart Tendler

Card plot team was Who's Who of London villainy

By STEWART TENDLER

THE cash card conspiracy brought together some of the biggest names in south London villainy, stretching back through the £26 million Brink's-Mat robbery to the Richardson gang in the 1960s.
John Lloyd, 57, nicknamed
"Lintle Legs", has long been a
major underworld figure. Suspected by Scotland Yard of being involved in handling cash from the Brink's-Mat robbery in 1983, he fled to Florida. He also spent part of his time in east London, despite a £10,000 reward for his capture. His common law wife Jean Savage, who lived in a house bought from Noye, was convicted of moving £2.5 million into bank ac-counts and jailed for five

In 1994 Lloyd came back to Britain and Savage. He gave himself up and the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to charge him. After making a settlement with the insurers he appeared to be living quietly back in West Kingsdown, Kent, not far from Kenneth Noyes's old home, hiring out used cars and vans. Once again Lloyd could not resist temptation and called in close family. Another of the gang. Stephen Seton, from Chislehurst, London, is married to one of Lloyd's daughters and John Maguire, 36, from Mottingham, southeast London, is a friend of Seton Billy Hayward comes from the south London generation.

the south London generation before Lloyd and Noye. In 1966 he was jailed for eight years after a gang fight at the Mr Smith club in Catford, south London with the Richardsons and their lieutenant Mad Frankie Fraser, Havward and his brother "Flash Harry", heads of a second league gang seeking promotion, tried to take over the club and the ensuing fight ended with one man dead. In recent years Hayward has been living at a farm in Yalding Kent.

The other gang members Meopham, Kent: Graham Moore, 32, Erith, London, and Stephen Moore, 41. Leytonstone, east London,



John Lloyd: known as Little Legs" in gangland

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however, have established

that the seven conspirators

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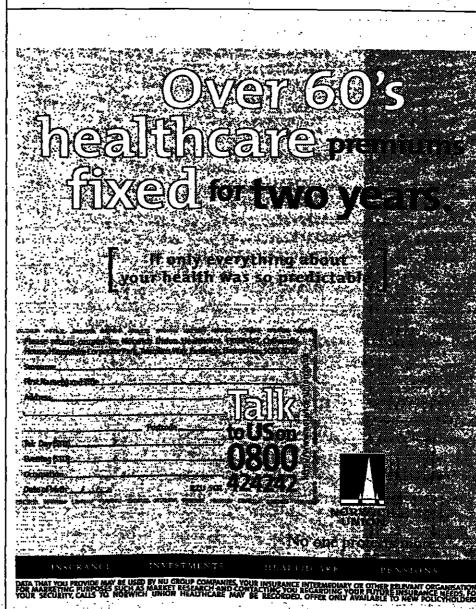
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Proposals for minimum sentences 'enable judges to deal justly with particular cases'

Mackay has change of heart over **Crime Bill**

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS for tougher sentencing have won the crucial backing of the Lord Chancellor as they start their passage through Parliament. In a change of view. Lord Mackay of Clashfern says the Home Secretary's proposals on minimum sentences are now framed so as to meet the concerns of judges.

Lord Mackay, who had balked at the idea of minimum sentences, said in an interview with The Times that the Crime (Sentences) Bill would enable judges to "deal justly with particular cases". He also came out in favour of legislation to allow the first scrutiny of the secret workings of juries and pledged further reforms to cut needless waste in the

El.4 billion legal aid bill. On the Crime Bill. Lord Mackay said: "My view is that it's satisfactory. certainly." He added: "I do think that many of their concerns will have been met. However, the judges, who have condemned the proposals, do not appear to have been appeased by the

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord

Bingham of Cornhill, is expected to make his opposition clear on Breakfast With Frost on BBC1 on Sunday. His views on the Crime Bill. and in particular the proposal for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, are expected to provide the main topic of his interview.

The Bill would allow judges to depart from imposing a minimum sentence in "exceptional circustances". Lord Mackay said he had ensured that this phrase was included so judges could escape what they saw as a restriction on their ability to match punishment and crime.

"I expressed the view that one needed to consider that and the Home Secretary obviously did have that under consideration and this is the result of it." he said. "I think it enables them to deal justly with particular cases, while at the same time giving very clear warning to anyone who's contemplating a crime of this kind what the result will be, unless there are exceptional circumstances." However, one judicial source said: "The



Lord Mackay pictured at his office in the House of Lords by Chris Harris. He admitted he had been behind some of the wording in the Bill

courts have always construed the meaning of 'exceptional circumstances' very strictly. There are many cases which would not be viewed as 'exceptional circumstances' but where judges would wish to give less than the minimum

The Bill, which began its passage yesterday, is expected to go through on a large majority in the Commons after Labour decided not to oppose it. In the Lords, however, Lord Bingham will lead an onslaught by a string of senior judges. Lord Mackay said he was

also seeking legislation to lift the ban on the secrets of the jury room in the light of backing from Lord Bingham. Any such move was strongly opposed by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, his predecessor as Lord Chief Justice who recently retired through ill health.

Lord Bingham has said that he would be in favour of controlled research into how jurors went about their task. Lord Mackay said: "It's

something that needs to be considered. I've certainly had proposals for taking this forward and I'll do my best to take them forward as soon as circumstances allow."

He emphasised that such research, recommended by the Royal Commission on

Criminal Justice in 1993; would not inquire into individ-ual verdicts. "Nobody wishes to create a situation in which appeals on jury verdicts are the result of inquiries of this kind." The idea was to see if the jury system could be

taken to help jurors in matters they found difficult. On the subject of legal aid, the Lord Chancellor made

improved, or if steps could be

plans would proceed "hand in hand with the current over-haul of civil justice by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls. He said a Legal Aid Bill had

been dropped for this session view that to have a Bill of this kind would be quite difficult and on the whole I prefer that a Bill of this kind should be thoroughly considered.

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death case The family of the architect Sir

Architect's

family wins

James Surling, 68, have agreed undisclosed damages over his death following a hernia operation at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth. northwest London Adrian Whitfield, QC, for the family, said liability for alleged negligence by the anaesthetist Dr Peter Hardwick was no longer contested. Sir James's work included the Cambridge history faculty library and the Tate's Clore Gallery.

Mortar charge

A 53-year-old man appeared in court charged with conspiring to cause the IRA mortar attacks on Heathrow in 1994. Michael Anthony Gallagher was remanded in custody until November 12 at Belmarsh Magistrates Court, southeast London.

Keeper convicted

Andy Goram, the Scotland goalkeeper, was banned from driving for 18 months and fined £1,000 after being convicted of drink-driving. Goram, 32, who pleaded guilty, is the third Rangers internation-al player to be convicted of drink-driving this year.

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War boat saved

A boat that rescued 1,000 British troops from the Dun-kirk beaches in 1940 has been saved from a Guy Fawkes bonfire in the Isles of Scilly. The 51st Southern Queen has been donated to the Dunkirk Association which is to seek lottery funds to restore it.

Singer on street

The singer George Michael is giving his first interview in six years - to The Big Issue, the magazine sold to help the homeless. Michael has refused to give any publicity interviews for years. The edition containing the interview goes on sale on Monday.

Driving school

A college has set up its own motoring academy to get sixth-formers through their driving tests. A qualified driv-ing instructor takes practical and theory sessions at Richard Huish College, Taunton, Som-

Islanders back self-government poll

sentence.

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

ALMOST three out of four Isle of Wight residents want a referendum on selfgovernment, according to a MORI opinion poll published yesterday. The survey also shows a clear majority opposed to building a bridge or tunnel to join the island to the mainland.

Morris Barton, leader of the Liberal Democrat-controlled council, said: This shows people here are fed up with the way they have been ignored by central government and want the right to make decisions affecting their lives." The council will press for the referen-

"All candidates in the general election will be asked to make clear where they stand on the issue so that voters will know which of them will be prepared to fight for them." Mr Barton said. "Labour are supposed to be in favour of devolution, so

if they win we will hold them to it." The poll shows 73 per cent in favour of a referendum and 22 per cent against; 44 per cent want island government to remain the same compared with 38 per cent who want self-government. Those opposed to change were mostly pensioners, while 60 per cent of those aged under

the island are unemployed and they are the people who feel most strongly about this," Mr Barton said. "We have the highest unemployment in the South East and one of the lowest GDPs in Britain.

"The EU told us that we would automatically qualify for assisted-area status but because our Government lumps us in regionally with the prosperous South East, we get nothing. The result is that we have a haemorrhage of young people from the island and we are left

with an ageing population."

The MORI poll questioned 790 resi-

Motorist banned for catching up with paperwork in the fast lane

book while driving at 70mph in the fast lane of a motorway escaped with a three-month ban at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday after the judge ruled that he must have been trying to catch up with his paperwork (Russell Jenkins writes).

Gary Roberts, 25, a contract cleaning company executive, of Crosskeys, Gwent, was driving erratically at

novel, the court was told. He was arrested after an off-duty police officer saw him propping the book on the steering wheel and fol-

the fast lane. Roberts, who

says he cannot remember the incident, admitted a charge of dangerous driving. Judge Curran said he accepted that Roberts was not reading a novel and banned him from

retake his driving test.

He told Roberts: "Modern working life means many people catch up on work and I believe you were trying to catch up on paperwork." lowed his car for 20 miles in Roberts said afterwards: "I never dreamt there was a

policeman following me. I thought I was the victim of road rage. The car behind me was flashing his lights and driving very close so I just



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Don with mistaken list of honours goes on extended leave

By PAUL WILKINSON

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THE controversial head of a university college has taken leave of absence after a series of discrepancies in his academic qualifications came to

When senior officials at Durham University meet this morning to discuss the issue they will be told that the Rev Dr Duane Wade-Hampton Arnold, Principal of St Chad's College at Durham, is taking

three months leave. Dr Arnold, 43, declined to comment yesterday when asked if he would return to the principal's lodge in the shad-ow of Durham Cathedral when his leave was completed. His wife Janet, who was appointed the university's part-time director of development at the same time as Or Arnold took up his post in 1994, is also taking three months' leave.

Dr Arnold, who earns E40,000 a year, will remain on full pay, as will his wife, who is paid £20,000 for her three-



Dr Arnold: going on leave with wife

day a-week job. The American-born principal said last night "I can confirm I am taking leave of absence, I am not quite sure just yet exactly what I shall be doing, but I have a number of projects to

"I shall be doing what I always do, reading and writing. I shall be out and about. in Durham and elsewhere, I

the United States, My wife will be with me, we usually do things together."

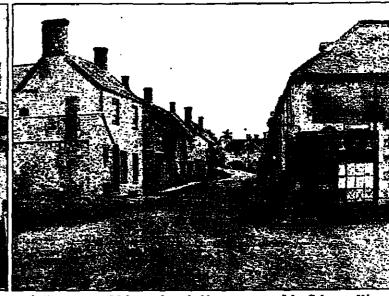
Last month Dr Arnold admitted that a series of academic qualifications in the 1996 Who's Who and at least one ecclesiastical directory were misleading. He blamed errors by staff on the journals who had interpreted his hon-ours as similar sounding, but more prestigious awards.

The university is also check-ing details given by him for his application to the Department on Education and Employ ment for a work permit, although it says Dr Arnold is more than qualified.

Last night academics within

the university declined to comment until after the council meeting, but Dr Vernon
Armitage, Principal of St Hild
and St Bede College, said: "I
am very concerned for the
future of St Chad's. When new
articles for its government are articles for its government are drawn up they should be associated with the appoint-





Guy Newman and his wife Faith outside their prize-winning village store in Somerset, which was founded by a veteran of the Crimean War

Happier days in store for the village shop

By MICHAEL PRESTAGE

THE village shop is at last winning the battle against cut-price competition from superstores. Research shows that, after two decades, the decline has abated as an emphasis on personal service and a more businesslike approach give village shops an

The recovery is charted in records of shop numbers kept by Wiltshire County Council and a recent study of the county by the Rural Development Commission. In the Queen's Speech

last month the importance of the village shop was recognised by the Government, with its Rural Communities Bill to allow rates to be cut by up to 50 per cent. Up to 6,000 village stores could benefit.

Andy Conn, a senior planning officer with the council, welcomed the revival, saying the stores were very important for villages. "It marks a recovery in confidence and perhaps a determination on the part of the shop-owners who remain to succeed." He said the less well-run shops had succumbed to the pressures of recession and competition, while those that survived had owners with entrepreneurial zeal. Shops now offered Churchinford village store, in Somitems such as videos and had in-store bakeries. "Once, running the village store was seen as a sort of semi-

Tony Foss, a retail consultant working for the commission, said: "I have studied 150 village shops and life is still difficult for them, but there

is a feeling that the worst is over. The

retirement job. Now, people are coming into the business knowing it

is going to be hard work to make it

shops that have survived will continue to flourish."

erset, does not look much changed from the picture hanging on the wall, circa 1904. But the range of goods -everything from diesel fuel and fruit and veg to newspapers and wellington boots - is vastly different. Martin Newman gave up his job as operations manager of an engineering company to run the store with his wife Faith. It serves a four-mile radius and won a Best Village Shop in Somerset competition in 1994.

Doctors say new drugs successful in fighting Aids

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

forming the lives of many patients, dramatically reducing risks of blindness and doctors reported cancer. yesterday.

"Since we started these therapies we have seen a complete. transformation," Dr Peter Ruane, an Aids specialist from Los Angeles, told a newsconference at the International Congress on Drug Therapy in HIV Infection at Birmingham: Convention Centre:

A new class of drugs, called nuclease inhibitors, used in combination with established treatments such as AZT or ddC as part of a cocktail of drugs, can reduce the amount of HIV below levels of can kill HIV but mutant forms detectibility. Though not that are resistant survive and cured, many patients have found that their condition is enormously improved.

Two striking findings announced by Dr Ruane yesterday are reductions in opportunistic infections such as those caused by cytomega-lovirus (CMV), which can lead to blindness in people who are HIV-positive. Dr Ruane said: "We're just not seeing any new CMV disease. It is extra-

He also said a common

NEW drug therapies against the Aids virus HIV are transtients was spontaneously dis-appearing: "Patients with Kaposi's sarcoma who were normally referred for radiation therapy or chemotherapy were watching the lesions

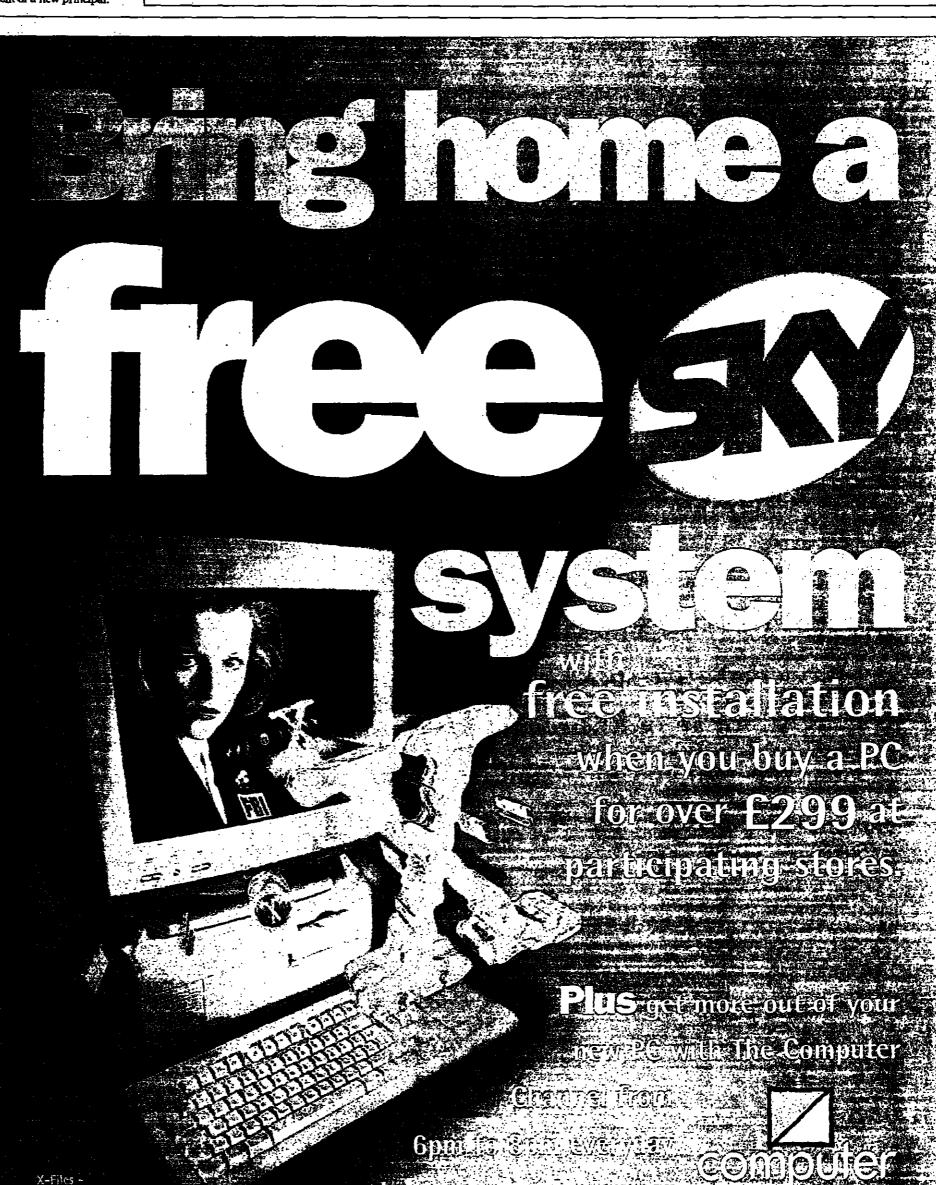
actually disappear."

The reason, he said, was that the patient's own immune systems seemed to be fighting off the diseases.

Aids activists urged that the new drugs should be made available to all British patients as soon as possible. They fear that restricted drug budgets in the NHS may prevent the drugs being as widely pre-scribed as their effects warrant.

Older drugs such as AZT multiply rapidly. Dr Charles Farthing, medical director of the Aids Healthcare Foundation in Los Angeles, said two drugs at once had better effects, and with three "the virus drops down and then, instead of coming back it drops down further and

He added: "If you hit it hard with multiple drugs, you can drive it down until it is not reproducing and then it can-





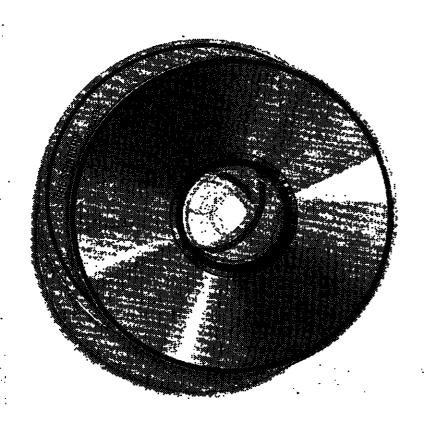
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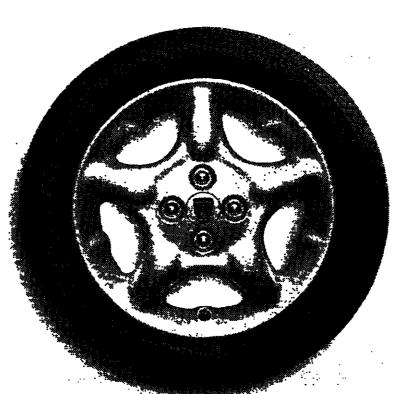
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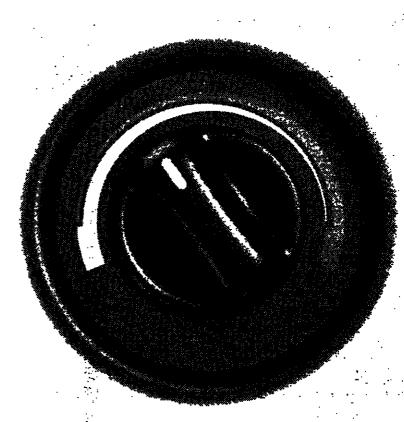
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Lyrical letters shed light on Pasternak's love for his Lara

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

LYRICAL letters written by Boris Pasternak to the woman who inspired his Doctor Zhivago are among an important archive which is to be sold later this month for an estimated £500,000.

Pasternak once wrote of Olga Ivinskaia: "She is the Lara [Zhivago's lover] in my book." The archive, which remained with her after his death, is described as the largest and most important Pasternak collection to come to

They offer an insight into the private and professional life of one of Russia's most revered literary figures. His affair with Olga began in 1946 and continued until his death in 1960: he consulted her on everything, "literary and otherwise", said Christie's, which is selling the archive.

As well as important literary manuscripts, including original drafts for his last poetic cycle When the Skies



Julie Christie and Omar Sharif in the 1965 film of Dr ... Zhivago. The book caused a scandal in Russia

Olga, who died only last

year, held the material until her arrest three months after

Pasternak's death. It was then

confiscated, although part was

sell some of the items, to the

Museum of Literature in Tbili-

si, but kept the papers that she

regarded as her most precious

and personal. One letter, expected to fetch about £30,000,

Clear, and autobiographical notes on the period of terror during the Russian Revolution, there are 22 letters to Olga. Christie's said: "All are written in Pasternak's distinctive flowing hand and, al-though it is virtually impossible to translate the terms of endearment into English, the heartfelt and deeply lyrical nature of the letters is very moving. Pasternak scholars have long seen this

from heart failure. In it he implores Olga not to worry but to be patient for the day when he is well again. He ends with the words: "I hug you closely and beg you to alm down." The story of Dr Zhivago — a novel of the Russian Revolu-

fore his death, aged 70, in 1960

tion filmed in 1965 with Omar Sharif and Julie Christie parallels the love story of Pasternak and Olga, including the persecution that followed the publication of the novel. The author was awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1958 but was forced by the Soviet regime to decline it. At the height of the scandal he writes, in a letter now expected to fetch £15,000. "I clearly understood for the first time that by involving you in all these terrible affairs I am casting a large shadow on you and putting you in awful danger. It's unmanly and contemptible. I love you and embrace you strongly. For-



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Fortune in a bottle turns up at seaside

By JOHN SHAW

AN ELDERLY woman was overwhelmed when The Antiques Roadshow examined a 6½ in decorative bottle from her seaside home.

pleasant £200 as just an ornament by one expert, David Battle. Then Paul Atterbury, a specialist in the decorative arts, had a look and gave his price: about £30,000. Yesterday the woman from Skegness, Lincolnshire, was considering police advice on home security as Mr Atterbury explained: "The bottle is by William Burges, one of the most important Victorian designers. Skegness was the last place one would have expected to see such a piece."

The Victoria and Albert Museum has photographs of Burges's Kensington home showing the Batavian bottle. with a silver spider's web pattern and enamel, pearl and moonstone details. An inscription on the base gives his name and the date 1868. The owner knew only that her father bought it in the 1950s.

Soldier's diary recalls slaughter of the Dervishes

By Alan Hamilton

A FIRSTHAND account of Lord Kitchener's defeat of the white smoke above the ene-Dervishes at the Battle of Omdurman in 1898 has surfaced after lying unseen for... almost a century. It is expected to fetch £3,000 at anction in London later this month.

Lieutenant Alfred Edward Hubbard of the 10th Lincolnshire Regiment kept a diary green notebook, right up to the final battle which avenged the death of General Gordon

at Khartoum in 1825. faint whistle of bullets. Two Hubbard's pencilled they of three face of my regiment count, written for his water were guidely down.

Mabel, describes the moment of thickers had no doubt at dawn when Kitchener's troops caught their first glimpse of the enemy. Against the far range of hills, about three miles off, could be seen lines of high banners; it looked as if the entire world was coming on against us." Hubbard estimated the ad-

vancing front to be more than three miles wide. "As they came on there was a murmur like the sound of the sea which was, I presume, their battle cry. When the Dervishes got to within about 1,800 yards of our line, the first gun on our side spoke. We could hear the heavy shell cleaving its way through the

air - then came a puff of my's heads as the shell burst in air and let loose its bullets among them. It is difficult to describe the next half hour we could see men advancing

from everywhere ... The ground began to get dotted with white clad corpses." of the Sudan campaign in a began to fire before they were green notebook, right up to within range, but soon, as they crept up, the well-remembered sounds began — the

> enemy. A small body (about 200 men) of horsemen with British brigade It was a splendid sight and we all rather hoped that some would reach our bayonets, but they simply withered under the terrible fire of our rifles. I don't believe six of the whole lot got back again."

Hubbard, born in Benares, India, in 1862, retired with the rank of major in 1912. His diary passed to his daughter on his death in 1921 and is being offered for sale by his



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Blair confirms his party's support at cost of £500,000

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR won a convincing mandate for Labour's draft manifesto yesterday when party members endorsed the programme by a

Frantic efforts over the past two weeks, including a telephone polling campaign, produced a much higher participation than expected, with 230.402 members, or 61 per cent of the party, voting. But some MPs criticised the leadership for spending £500,000 on the operation, including £250,000 on the ballot. They were privately angry about attempts to increase the turnout by setting up a freephone

voting line costing £30,000. The 61 per cent compares with 69 per cent in the Labour leadership poll when Mr Blair was elected, and 40 per cent for the Clause Four vote last year. The ballot of party members showed that 95 per cent of participants supported the draft manifesto, New Labour New Life for Britain, with 5 per cent against.

The turnout was lower in the trade union section, where only one quarter of levy paying members voted, but they still backed the programme by 92.2 per cent to 7.8 per cent. Balloting among trade unions was optional and not all

unions took part. Mr Blair, announcing the findings at Labour's Millbank Tower media centre in London yesterday, said that the result showed head and body marching together in step". The high turnout indicated widespead endorsement for

new Labour policy and party infighting should now halt. "I think it puts all the questions and all the arguments behind us," he said. "This is the party's covenant to the people. It is our mandate to stand as new Labour and govern as new Labour. What the people

see is what they will get." The document will form the basis for Labour's election manifesto but it contains no details on tax or spending. The main proposals include: ☐ Cutting class sizes to 30 or under for five to seven-year-

☐ Fast-track punishment for persistent young offenders:

Cutting NHS waiting lists
by treating an extra 100,000

☐ Getting 250,000 under 25-year-olds off benefit and into work: ☐ Setting tough rules for government spending and

Mr Blair also added fresh



Blair: the people will get what they see

pledges including an end to waiting for surgery for those with cancer; a ban on all combat knives; reduced VAT on heating and a 10p tax starting rate. But more controversial issues, such as scrapping child benefit for the under-16s, were not detailed in the document.

Mr Blair promised that he would do all he could to bring forward a general election. Asked if he would force a vote of no confidence, he said: "I don't know if we can push them out before they jump. But if we possibly can, we will. In respect of parliamentary tactics we will pursue any tactics that are responsible."

Pressed later over his position on abortion he said that no sensible person was "in favour" of abortion. "The question is whether the criminal law is right to be the instrument that determines the decision of a woman in what can often be extremely painful and agonising circumstances. I support the present position in the law and always have. I think that is the sensible position to have."

Mr Blair, in an interview with BBC Radio 4's World at One, also insisted that there were no plans to raise the top rate of tax, pointing out that under the Tories many groups such as nursing sisters and teachers had been brought into the top rate of tax. But he reiterated Labour's position that it would wait until after the Budget before detailing its



The result pleased Labour candidates, from left, Megan Harris. Candy Atherton, Shona McIsaac, Barbara Follett, Margaret Moran and Jessica Stevens

Caution may become a cause for regret

it may not be worth as much in the long term as he claimed yesterday. The decision to produce a mini-manifesto and put it to the vote in a membership ballot was a shrewd exercise in party management. But the four-month debate over New Labour. New Life for Britain never caught fire ballot was an anti-climax because Mr Blair played safe.

The strategy was simple — to demonstrate that the party as a whole, as well as the leadership, has changed become "new" Labour and to commit the party to Mr Blair's strategy before the election. What has become known as "getting your betrayal in first" is intended to avoid the problems that bedevilled the Wilson and Callaghan governments when activists accused the leadership of breaking election pledges.

Mr Blair's belief that ordinary party members share his "new" Labour approach has been vindicated by the overwhelmining support for the new RIBBELL ON POLITICS

Clause Four and, now, with the approval of the mini-manifesto by a 19 to I margin among individual members and by almost as much among trade union members. The turnout was respectable rather than spectacuiar at 61 per cent, and was only that high thanks to a late phone blitz. Mr Blair has made his point, that the party's "head and body were together marching in step", If he becomes Prime Minister, he now has a defence

against left-wing critics. His line yesterday was "what the people see is what they will get". Up to a point, Mr Blair. The mini-manifesto shows that Labour has plenty of policies, though most are qualified. It enitomises Gordon Brown's determination to avoid anything that could be interpeted as a spending commitment. It is a sober discussion of the low-cost activism - the state as partner and

Centre-Left on both sides of the Atlantic. Bill Clinton and Mr Blair echo each other in wanting to strengthen families and produce a workforce for the 21st century while not worrying financial markets. The problem is reconciling the desire to reassure with the promise of change.

These inner contradictions are summed up by the "early pledges" cutting class sizes for five to sevenyear-olds, fast-track punishment for young effenders, treating an extra 100,000 NHS patients and getting 250,000 under-25-year-olds off benefit. Many of these aims are desirable, even though the financing methods are open to question. But the key pledge is the fifth one — to set strict rules for spending and borrowing. This limits the scope for government action. Mr Brown argues that departments should find savings within existing budgets before seeking extra money. That seems sensible but it skates over the real spending pressures. For instance, Labour's early pledge on the

NHS looks trivial by comparison with Stephen Dorrell's tussle with the Treasury over increasing the health budget by El billion. Labour is not even promising to match any increases agreed by the Cabinet today, though it

will probably do so. The document dodges tricky areas such as the single currency, public-sector pay and workfare. No clues are given about how Labour would achieve its aim of spending more of the budget on education than on welfare. The reluctance of Labour strategists to take risks with voters, as opposed to the Labour Party, has duced the long-term value of the mini-manifesto and of the ballot. Apart from constitutional reform. Mr Blair has won a mandate for gradualism, not radicalism. Given his commanding position in the party, he could have been bolder. He may look back on the ballot as partly a wasted opportunity.

PETER RIDDELL

Goldsmith condemns the EU as a 'black hole of despair'

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

SIR JAMES GOLDSMITH launched another attack on the European Union vesterday and said that a vote for his Referendum Party would help

His stringent criticism of the EU effectively confirmed that the party is concerned with

more than just securing a referendum on Britain's future in Europe. Speaking on an hour-long phone in programme on Talk Radio, Sir James condemned the "unelected supercilious bureaucrats" of Europe, who he said wanted to deprive Britain and other nation states of their sovereignty and create a single

European nation. "If you look within the European Union at the moment it is a black hole of despair. I have never seen anything as bad as today. It is not only anger and fury but despair as well.

"If our Parliament can no longer run the economy for the cies, then what the hell are they doing there? They are getting privilege without re-

sponsibility and are just delegates of Brussels. A vote for the Referendum Party will bring back power from Brussels. A vote for the other parties is a vote for Brussels. full stop."

He said that his party was ready to fight the election at our work in place. Every day is precious to us. I would like the general election to be in

May. But if it is tomorrow we

will be ready."

He repeated his pledge that the Referendum Party would dissolve once a fair vote on "who governs Britain" was offered to the British people. But he did not specify what the referendum question would

He emphasised that his family charitable foundation would sign a cheque for £20

million if it proved necessary.
The cost so far of his entersize is unacceptable and will prise, he said, was £1.5

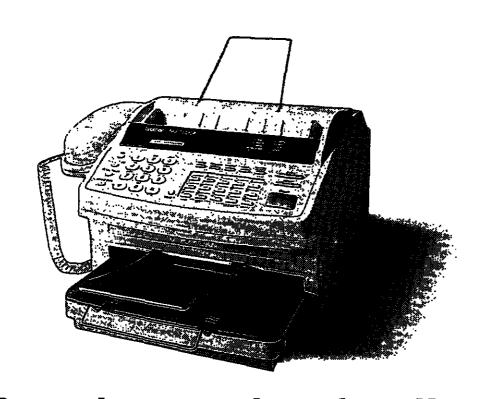
million. "My fear about Europe is that I do not believe you can merge 25 independent nations into one new nation run by unelected bureaucrats without any political control. The idea that we should be run as one country by unelected bureaucrats and basically be run by

not work.

Sir James insisted that his party did not want power. "We shall dissolve our party as soon as a fair referendum on this issue has been offered to our people." He said that the party had appointed 250 prospective parliamentary candi-dates and had nearly 70,000 people working for it.



Goldsmith: radio guest



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Israeli alert after warnings of attack by Islamic Jihad

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SYRIA and Iran have been warned by Israel they will be "held responsible" if a feared mass terror attack is staged by the Islamic Jihad. The scare resulted in the Jewish state being placed on an unprecedented alert, with roadblocks clogging traffic and heavilyarmed security forces being rushed to patrol crowded civil-

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Israeli security sources said that the warnings had been passed via the Governments of the United States and Germany after the receipt of intelligence information that an Islamic Jihad squad had penetrated the country. The squad had orders to mount a spectacular attack to mark the first anniversary of the assassination of its leader.

Although Israel has never claimed the killing of Damas-cus-based Fathi Shqaqi while travelling in disguise between Libya and Syria via Malta, diplomats have no doubt that he was shot dead by agents working for Mossad on October 26 last year.

Avigdor Kahalani, the Internal Security Minister, confirmed last night that the warning messages have been sent to those regarded as sponsors of Islamic Jihad, one of the groups responsible for suicide bombs earlier this year which killed more than 60

people.
There was diplomatic speculation that if the widelyfeared attack is not averted, Israel will take direct retaliation against Syrian or Iranian targets. Such is the uncommonly detailed nature of the information which Israel has received that the American Embassy issued a warning to

beware of the increased likelihood of terrorist attacks.

The warnings are extremely specific and we cannot ignore the danger," said David Bar-Illan, communications director in the office of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister. He was speaking in an atmosphere of near panic for many Israelis as buses travelled with only a few passengers, shopping streets were deserted and traffic stretched for miles at roadblocks. On Sunday the hour-long drive between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv was taking

sary hysterics and panic".

the ground for further [Israeli]

extremism."

up to four hours.
"If it saves one child's life, the country can endure traffic jams for a few days," Mr Netanyahu told Cabinet ministers. "The safety of people's lives has priority over the quality of life and I am sure crizens can understand this."

Describing the mass search procedures, more extensive than anything seen even at the height of the suicide bornbs last spring, a senior security official said: This is all being done in an intense effort to catch the terror cell."

The official added: "It is clear to us that there is a group of terrorists that has entered the area. We have no doubt that its intention is to perpetrate a large terrorist attack, whether it is in a shopping mall, a bus or another crowded place. We are not taking any chances." He said that it was advisable to stay away from crowded places for the next ten days".

The extent of the operation has affected the economy, according to the Israel Industrialists' Association. "The increasing jitters are causing serious and significant dam-



Hadi Shenuda, 14, whose family were among more than 60 killed when a Cairo apartment building collapsed last week, is comforted by the city's Governor. The boy appealed on Egyptian television to relatives across the world to claim him

Taleban rejects warlord's offer of peace talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

THE Taleban Islamic army rejected yesterday an "insulting" offer of peace talks made by General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord who leads a military alliance that controls northern Afghanistan. That seems to guarantee a winter war.

Mullah Muhammad Mutaqi, the Information and Culture Minister for Taleban, said that the terms for a ceasefire, which sounded more like a call for surrender, must include a prior agreement that negotiations would lead to agreement on the establishment of an Islamic state. He made clear that that would be based on Taleban's interpretation of Sharia, or

General Dostum's secular principles are anathema to Taleban and even Mullah Mutaqi, never one to hold back an insult, heaped an uncommon amount of invective on the Uzbek leader yesterday. There is plainly no prospect of a meeting point. General Dostum is hated

not merely because he is a

bombers did no damage.

Mullah Mutaqi listed
Taleban's enemies yesterday
as Russia, India and Iran. He confirmed that a senior Taleban representative had gone to Saudi Arabia "to talk to Saudi authorities". That is believed to be a mission in

former Communist; there is

also his fondness for Johnnie

Walker Blue Label, or Russian

vodka on occasion, his osten-

tatious use of an armoured

Cadillac and his apparently

growing attachment to the

grandiose title of Pasha.

which some sycophants be-

stow upon him. Mullah

Mutaqi calls him a bad man.

mate in the battleground north of Kabul, where the

general has committed many

troops to serve alongside General Ahmed Shah Masood.

military chief of the former

Government. The war is mov-

ing to the west, where the

airport in the ancient city of

Herat came under air attack

from General Dostum's forces

yesterday. Taleban said his

There appears to be stale-



Young Israelis keep a day-long vigil in Tel Aviv yesterday for Yitzhak Rabin on the anniversary of his death a year

Rifkind 'flies kite' for Middle East security grouping

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN ABU DHABI

A DAY after a hectic visit to dence building, in lighting the the flashpoints of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Malcolm Riskind the Foreign Secretary, called yesterday for a new regional security organisation in the Middle East to promote stability and dialogue, much as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe did

during the Cold War. He said that the proposed Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East would be an overall structure, comprehensive in membership. that would include all the Arab states as well as Turkey. Israel and eventually Iran and Iraq - although he said the last two would not be admitted with their present governments and policies. Britain. America and France, as countries with big political and economic stakes in the region, would also join, as perhaps would Russia and the European Union.

Launching his proposal in a sperch in Abu Dhahi to businessmen and academics. Mr Rifkind said that the new grouping would not be an alliance or military bloc. Nor could it be in any way a substitute for the essential work of the Middle East peace process. It was not intended to detract from other regional groupings, such as the Arab League and the Guif Co-operation Council.

"Since the purpose would be to improve co-operation and thereby to promote reconciliation, it would not make much sense to be too rigid." he said. I could see such an organisation playing a role in conflict resolution and confi-

causes of terrorism, as well as in building the sort of eco-nomic and political networks that prevent conflict and reduce the risks of terrorism."

that Mr Rifkind is flying a kite rather than prescribing a copy of the CSCE transferred to the Middle East. They agreed that the present tensions might make states unwilling to sit down together. especially Syria and some other Arab countries with Israel, and the Gulf states with Iran. But they said the idea had the warm support of the Americans and several other Western states, as well as the backing of Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan

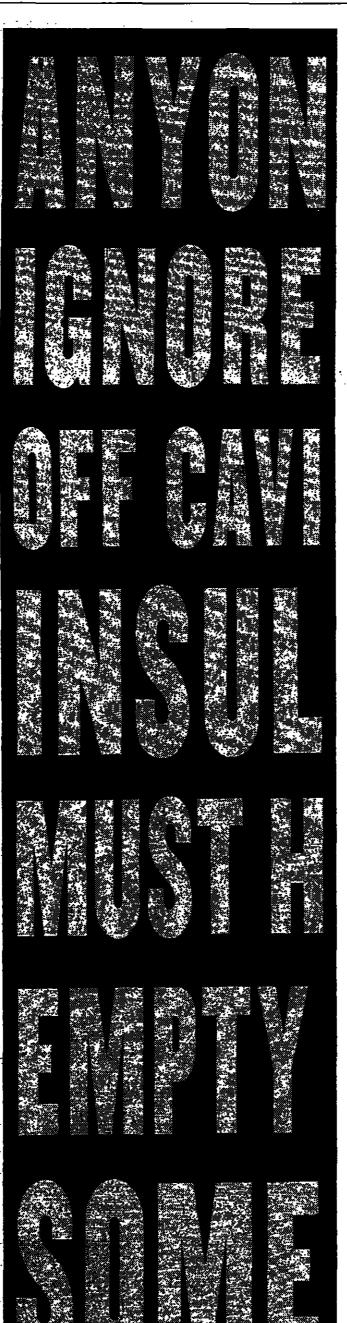
The new body could begin with a grand conference, much as ČSCE did; Mr Rifkind said yesterday it should evolve, rather than spring fully fledged into existence". He was at pains to tell his

Guif audience, largely hostile to the recent American bombing of Iraq, that Britain supported the territorial integrity of Iraq and would help to end Baghdad's isolation and repair its economy as soon as there was a new government which fairly represented all lrag's people and fully ob-served human rights. ☐ Jerusalem: Dennis Ross; the US Middle East envoy, will return to the region tomorrow to help in settling a deal between the Israelis and

radio said yesterday. (AFP) Malcolm Rifland, page 20

Palestinians on Israel's long-

delayed troop withdrawal from Hebron, Israel army



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Dole keeps faith with friends and family in close-knit Kansas society that moulded his politics

Folks back home prepare welcome for favourite son

FROM TOM RHODES IN RUSSELL, KANSAS

RUSSELL is the hometown where Bob Dole has always returned to cry, the small hamlet on the Kansas plains where he launched every political race of his career and the shrine he will visit for just half an hour today to vote.

Surrounded by family and friends, the Republican candidate will enter the First Christian Church on 14th Street and cast his ballot for the American presidency before returning to Washington.

There is nobody in Russell who does not know him as plain Bob, whose cousin is not a distant relative or who has not done business with the Dole family at one time or

Breakfast at Meridy's, the most conspicuous diner, offers an extraordinary glimpse of a cult that has pervaded the collective psyche here. Sterling Smith. who runs a mom and pop" tyre store once sold his wares to Doran Dole, the candidate's father. Frank Kennedy, a lorry driver, is married to a second cousin. Larry Langhofer rented the Dole house at one time and his wife still owns the desk on which Bob Dole carved his initials at

At the same table is Jerry Ross, a pallbearer at the funeral of Mr Dole's mother, Bina. His sister is married to a Dole nephew. Next door, sip-ping tea and eating toast, is Gienna Paschal, a second cousin. They can recount in loving detail the story of how Russell raised \$1,800 (£1,100)



in a cigar box for an operation that saved his life after terrible wounds in Italy during the Second World War. And, although none was alive at the time, they will talk of the days when he was the poor basketball hero at the local high school, a salesmen at Dawson's soda fountain and helped at his father's egg and cream station.

At the same time each has an entirely personal anecdote about the family. The time, for example, when Mr Ross was paid \$200 by Doran Dole to drive his wife to a campaign address by their son in Kansas and she paid for the entire trip

"This is small town America," said Mr Smith, "You know your neighbour and you don't lock your doors. You leave your gun in the back of the pick-up. There are people here who have been supporting Bob Dole for 50 years.

That's never going to change."
It is exactly the "better"
America that Bob Dole has mentioned so often in his campaign speeches. And his

resistance to change is something that those in Russell so easily understand. Change, born of the forces of nature and history, was something to protect against. The dust bowl the 1930s turned Russell's oil boom to powder; the war injured him for ever.

His proudest moments have always been spent in this town. Gerald Ford came to the plains to announce Mr Dole as his vice-presidential candidate in 1976. Today, however, after a marathon 96-hour campaign, he will spend probably less time here that he had done in Independence, Missouri, President Truman's native town and Mr Dole's previous stop.

This time the omens are not good; the local cinema is playing the Long Kiss Goodnight and even his sisters, Gloria Nelson and Noryesterday to offer their opinion on his chances, although Ms Nelson had said last week she was not convinced Mr Dole would win the election.

Observers have maintained

that Bob Dole, the ultimate Washington insider for 35 years, has used Russell as a convenient career prop to project an image of honesty, respect and integrity. Yet while nobody expects him to retire in Russell should he lose tomorrow, the bunting will be out, the dolls for Dole will dance for him and the tradition will continue. Russell is at ease with its place in Bob



Bob Dole, who will vote in Russell, the "better" America that he campaigned for

Bright future for star turn of the Republican show

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ALONE among the high-profile members of Bob Dole's entourage, his wife, Elizabeth, will still have a bright future after the expected failure of his bid for the White House today.

She can walk away from the campaign knowing that she transformed the role of contenders for First Lady, and enhanced her own chances for a political future.

Although loyal to her husband, she was manifestly better prepared than he was, and was able to mask the reputation for hard-hearted ambi-

tion that earned her the nickname "Steel Magnotia". Mrs Dole, 60, not only expounded her husband's programme more succinctly than he did and without the aid of a Teleprompter, but she also went after President Clinton in a manner unprecedented for a candidate's wife.

During her solo campaign appearances, she needled the President over his policy wobbles by displaying a doll-sized rocking chair. "This is a Clinton rocker," she said. "It doesn't rock from front to back, but from left to right."

With her finely tailored suits and ever-present smile, Mrs Dole perfected her technique of sauntering through the audience with a microphone in the style of Oprah Winfrey, the talk-show host.

It looked spontaneous, but towards the end she was performing the routine three times a day, making eye contact, squeezing shoulders, patting backs — and barely changing a word.

She was a good sport, too, prepared to poke fun at herout of character, she donned a Hell's Angels leather jacket emblazoned with the words "Bikers for Bob" and zoomed around the stage of NBC's Tonight show as pillion pas-senger for the host, Jay Leno. "Yeah, rev it baby, let's get out of here," she said. "I'm a biker from way back. I've come a long way from Harvard Law School to biker chick."

In fact, she was a very properly brought up Southern belle and extremely bright After college she worked for the Nixon Administration in the White House and has been absorbed by politics ever since. She has a longer résume than any other leading Repub-lican woman, having held a place on the Federal Trade Commission and two Cabinet posts, Secretary of Transport and Secretary of Labour. She has been married to Mr Dole

As they embarked on their final marathon quest for votes, she expressed disappointment with feminism. She said women of her generation were told they could do everything. but she no longer believed they could have a career, marriage, family, contribute to the community and still find time for "ourselves and our

It is ironic that Mrs Dole's popularity has failed to pump up her husband's figures, while Hillary Clinton's unpopularity has not affected her husband's lead.

Washington wonders if one day Mrs Dole will think of running for President herself, or for Vice-President or the Senate. She would certainly be

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Stars forego free publicity in protest against video stalkers

FROM QUENTEN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HOLLYWOOD stars have ... Paramount also makes a aken the equivalent of industrial action against video camera stalkers and a dirtdishing American television show. They are so angry they are even foregoing free pub-licity to make their complaint.

The protest against Hard Copy, a prime time "tabloid" television show made by Paramount Television, is being led by George Clooney, an actor. He started the campaign after the show broad-cast footage of him in private with his girlfriend, Celine Balidran Mr Clooney, who stars in ER, a hospital serial, said the video film was intrusive.

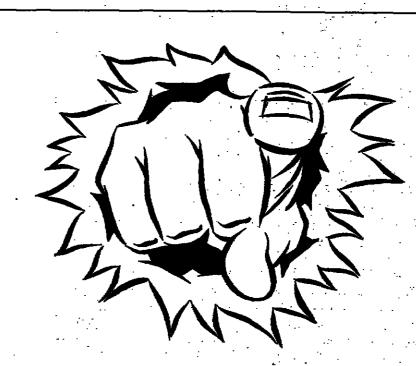
publicity-pulf show, Entertainment Tonight - the television equivalent of Helio magazine. Mr Clooney and a number of influential friends have refused to have anything more to do with the highly popular Entertainment Tonight until Hard Copy puts its house in order.

The show specialises in seedy fare. It is a major outlet for the video-camera-wielding stalkers — known as "stalkerazzi" — who have multiplied in the past two years and now hover outside the homes of Hollywood stars in the hope of recording some

saleable moment.

Mr Clooney's "all-out" call has been supported by Whoopi Goldberg Rosie O'Donnell, Dean Cain, the Superman actor, and a host of other actors whose lives have been made a misery by the cameramen. Antistalkerazzi swipes have also been taken by Madonna, Afec

Baldwin and Tommy Lee.
Paramount has declined to comment, but it is thought to be distinctly queasy about the bad publicity. Their freelance photographers' activities have coincided with increased censure of stalkers, but American press laws set special conditions for those considered to be "public figures".



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BT and MCI advisers expected to earn \$60m

By ERIC REGULY

ADVISERS to BT and MCI are expected to earn a minimum of \$60 million if Britain's biggest-ever takeover goes ahead, it

emerged yesterday.

The fees have not been set yet, partly because the advisory work on the deal, which may not receive regulatory approval in Europe and the US for a year, is still in progress.

The New York and London offices of Rothschild ETs were adviser is expected to collect child, BT's main adviser, is expected to collect the largest portion of the fees. BT also used Morgan Stanley, while MCI hired Lazards. The figure is based on the amount paid to the advisers of Nynex and Bell Atlantic, the

coming together to create the world's sixth-largest phone group. Concert, the name of the company formed by the BT-MCI merger, will be considerably bigger and is likely to generate higher force.

likely to generate higher fees.

BT shares soared yesterday as the City had its first chance to assess the takeover terms and BT's promise to pay a 35p a share special dividend as part of its effort to take full control of MCI for about \$20 billion. BT shares finished at 373p, up 22p, on volume of 82 million shares, making it the Stock Exchange's most heavily traded issue. Analysts said the outlook for the shares was positive. positive. SBC Warburg expects the price to. rise to 430p, while ABN Ambro Hoare Govregional phone companies in the US that are ett is calling for 400p, as shareholders grasp

The price rise was partly attributed to the promise of a special dividend for the year to March 31, 1997, even if the merger collapses. It will be paid in addition to a final dividend

ous year. The City had expected a rise of 4 per cent to 5 per cent. BT also said Concert would look favourably on share buybacks. Analysts said they expected Concert to move quickly to form a partnership or

the potential advantages of entering the world's largest telecoms market.

alliance with a large Asian telecoms company, such as NTT of Japan. With Europe and America covered, Asia is the biggest gap in Concert's portfolio.

MCI said attacking the local market would be Concert's priority in the US. The 1996 Telecommunications Act allows longdistance and local companies to compete in each other's markets.

The focus on the local market has put MCI's relationship with The News Corporation, the owner of The Times, in question. MCI invested \$1.35 billion for a 10 per cent stake in News Corp, and intended to spend a further \$650 million to raise its stake to 13 per cent or so. Bert Roberts, the MCI chairman, said that MCI was now in the

News Corp, and sources close to the deal said it was highly unlikely that MCI would raise its News Corp investment beyond the present level. News Corp, which is develop-ing a digital broadcasting system with MCI in the US for residential and business customers, declined to comment.

Sir Peter Bonfield, the BT chief executive who is to become chief executive of Concert, said he expected Concert to receive regula-tory approval in the US. But AT&T, Concert's main rival, said approval is not certain. AT&T noted that the US Government might not approve the deal unless it can determine that the UK telecoms market is as open as the American market.

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Burford chief nets £5.1m in share sale

BY JASON NISSE

NICK LESLAU, the only person who is chief executive of two UK quoted companies, yesterday made a £5.14 million profit from selling shares in one of them. Burford Group, the property concern. He promptly handed a big slice of the money to the taxman.

Mr Leslau, who is also chief executive of Trocadero, the AIM-listed owner of the Piccadilly Circus leisure complex of that name, was granted options over 4.8 million Burford shares five years ago. Then, the shares were languishing at 19p, and Mr Leslau's options were priced at 28.4p

Yesterday, Burford shares stood at 1362p, down 2p, and the company's stockbroker, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, was able to place Mr Leslau's stake with investors, giving him a E5.14 million profit.

Alas for Mr Leslau, who is 37, the tax authorities are taking up to £2 million of the

proceeds.

Mr Leslau said: "I did not want to sell, but the scheme was not an Inland Revenue approved share option scheme, so when it crystallised the Revenue ruled that I had made the profit and claimed its share, so I had to find the money for the bill."

Mr Leslau, who was paid £390,000 in salary and bonus last year by Burford, retains 3.8 million Burford shares, valued last night at E5.2 miloptions and interests in both Burford and Trocadero worth Tempus, page 30 | another fll million.

Rise in house prices tops 7%

By Marianne Curphey

THE recovery in the housing market is gathering pace, the such a strong monthly rise is Halifax says today, with unlikely to be repeated over prices rising at their fastest the next two to three months, rate for more than 30 months.

ain's biggest lender with 2.5 million borrowers, says house prices in October rose by 1.6 per cent, an unexpectedly large jump after modest increases in previous months.

it was the largest monthly rise since February 1994, when prices increased by 1.8 per cent. The annual change was 7.1 per cent. The rise prompted Halifax to increase its forecast for the whole year from 5 per cent to 7 per cent.

The Halifax monthly survey contradicts the assertion of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that he could detect no signs of a housing boom and raises the prospect of an acceleration in consumer demand before the general election.

Gary Marsh, of the Halifax. said a similar rise was expected for 1997. Last week's quarterpoint rise in the base rate to 6 per cent would not affect house sales, he said. "Mortgage rates have not moved and are not likely to move," he said, adding: "The trend is upwards and we are hoping for a gradual sustained recovery.

However, Rob Thomas, building societies analyst with the Swiss bank UBS, predicted house price inflation would reach 10 per cent by the year end. "The market is incredibly strong," he said. "More people are looking to buy and demand is outstripping supply. Homes are historically at their most affordable. The cost of a house is three times average earnings, compared with the situation at the top of the market in 1989 when the figure was five times earnings."

Rises had been particularly strong in London and the South East, he said, regions that had suffered badly from negative equity. But house prices would have to rise 32 per cent to wipe out negative equity there. He said autumn and spring were traditionally the busiest times for house buying.

Mr Marsh said: "Although house price inflation is now likely to end the year in excess of our forecast of 5 per cent. probably around 7 per cent.

buyers rose in October by Li per cent, taking the annual rate of inflation from 4.8 per cent reported in the previous month to 7.1 per cent. The average price paid by firsttime buyers in October was £47,963. But prices of new houses fell 0.8 per cent.

Although recent figures show the average price of a home in London has moved above £100,000, the Chancellor said at the beginning of October that he could detect no signs of a boom. "The level of transactions in the housing market remain subdued and the overhang of unsold propbeen cleared." the minutes of his meeting with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England recorded.

However, another government department was far more bullish about prospects for house sales yesterday. The Environment Depart-

ment said 16,700 new houses were started in September, compared with 15,400 a year earlier. In the latest three months, 47,100 houses were started, an increase of 13 per cent on a year ago.

James Clappison, Environ-ment minister, said this was encouraging confirmation of the improvement in the market. "Prospects of improved growth in real incomes and low mortgage rates should help to improve consumer confidence and support a broad recovery in the housing market over the next 12-18 months," he said,

The Halifax index shows prices of new houses fell after a rise of 0.3 per cent. The average price of a new house was £69,051 against £65,099 for second-hand houses.

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INVESCO has nearly dou-bled the funds under its management after an agreement to buy a US mutual fund manager in a £1 billion deal. Invesco, the London-listed international fund manager that looks after £58 billion.

announced yesterday that it has bought AIM Management Group, the fast growing US mutual company, which has £35 billion under manage ment and is America's thirteenth largest.

The money to pay for the AIM acquisition, which will see the newly enlarged group

Invesco's US deal doubles funds under management

largely from the issue to AIM shareholders of 290 million new ordinary Invesco shares, at an approximate value of £690 million. The balance will be raised from new debt and from the proceeds of a one-

for-five rights issue.

The AIM deal leaves the newly enlarged group poised to make further acquisitions

with the £700 million of cash it has on its books. Last year Invesco bought the Far East arm of Aetna, the US insurer, also for £1 billion, and further

deals are likely. In personal terms the main beneficiaries of yesterday's acquistion are the four AIM founders, headed by Charles "Ted" Bauer. The four, who founded the US group almost

20 years ago, have been locked in, with bonuses, for an initial four years. Invesco, which manages

pean cities, and Robert

'strategic alliances". Charles Brady, chairman of Invesco, who becomes chairman and chief executive of the new group, said: "Arnvesco

management company with some £7.3 billion in the UK the scale necessary for success and has ten investment trusts as a financially strong and and 22 unit trusts, has made no independent business, operating in an increasingly concensecret of its ambition to become one of the world's largest trated industry." fund managers. It has plans to open offices in all major Euro-

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cruiting more people on the

will be a major investment

ABF ready to make £1bn acquisition



GARRY WESTON, chairman and chief executive of Associated British Foods, said that the cash-rich company, owner of British Sugar and Twinings Tea, may spend up to £1 billion on an acquisition.

"We are in a position to make a very major acquisition," Mr Weston said. ABF is looking to buy within the food industry but outside Europe, he said. "There is little growth in the food markets of Europe, the big opportunities are in the Far East and North America." He said packaged foods were not an area of interest, and cautioned that an acquisition might not happen for several months.

Analysts said Mr Weston's traditional unwillingness to pay for goodwill meant

that ABF, in which Mr Weston and his family own a majority stake through charitable trusts, is unlikely to buy a quoted company. It is also thought possible that it will buy several companies for £100 million to £150 million each

rather than make one large acquisition. The company's cash pile grew £196 million to £797 million in the year to September 14, while shareholders' funds grew 9 per cent to £2.45 billion. Its pre-tax profit grew 15 per cent to £430 million, beating analysts forecasts. This prompted some to increase their forecasts for the current year to about £440 million. The company spent E225 million on new assets, all outside the UK.

Operating profits at British Sugar fell slightly to £183 million. ABF blamed the

strength of sterling and the cost of changes in the operating structure. Profits in the food manufacturing and processing operations in the UK grew 12 per cent to £282 million. Twinings and Burtons Biscuits achieved record levels of

Mr Weston, 69, who has been running ABF for three decades, has no intention of retiring yet: "When I feel I have nothing left to offer, I will take it seriously," he said. The company will pay a second interim dividend of 5.25p per share (4.5p). It is payable on March 3. It gives a dividend for the whole year of 9.5p, up 9 per cent. Earnings per share were up 12

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UK wins bridge contract

A BRITISH construction company has won a £100 million contract to build the world's fourth longest suspension bridge, over the Yangtze river in China.

The contract won by Kvaerner Cleveland Bridge is being aided by the Government with a £55 million loan to cover the full value of British goods and services through the Overseas Development Administration and the Export Credits Guarantee

The contract will put the company, based in Darlington and part of the Kvaerner international construction and engineering group, in a prime position to win more work, and will help to secure the jobs of the 750 staff at the com-

pany's Darlington plant. The bridge, to be built near the town of Jiangyin. will have a main span of 1,385 metres with two side spans of 336 and 309 metres. It will carry a three-lane dual carriageway over the Yangtze and allow ocean-going ships to

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Bright outlook: John Beaumont, finance director, left, and George Metcalfe, chairman, reported record profits at Umeco yesterday. The specialist manufacturer and distributor of engineering products for the aviation industry lifted pre-tax profits to £1.03 million from £618,000 in the half-year to September 30. Earnings were 6.4p (3.81p) a share. The interim dividend is 1.80p (1.25p). Umeco said further substantial business was under negotiation.

Ministers prepare new push to help Britain's exporters

the move, modelled on the

By Philip Bassett INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is to launch a new drive to promote British exports to try to revive their flagging contribution to the UK's economic recovery.

Michael Heseltine. Deputy

Prime Minister, will this month set out new guidelines on how UK companies can improve their exporting. His move is one of a range of

government initiatives on exporting, including a forthcom-ing White Paper on trade, and new advice to British embassies on promoting UK business. Ministers will use the range

of initiatives to combat charges that in spite of the Government's focus on business and economic competitiveness. Britain does too little in comparison with competitor countries to support its successful companies.

The Government launch a new report. Export Winners, which will set out in detail how some of Britain's top exporters win success abroad. Ministers hope that

MORE evidence of the cons-

umer spending boom came

yesterday from data showing

M0. the narrow money sup-

ply measure, growing at its fastest since December 1988

M0 rose 0.7 per cent in October taking the annual

(Alasdair Murray writes).

Government's initiative on innovation, will offer other UK companies examples to follow. Mr Heseltine said: "Many companies need help in entering, and surviving in the global market place before they

rise to 7.5 per cent — well

above City expectations. But

economists were divided on

the effects on monetary policy

after last week's rate rise with

some suggesting the contin-

ued growth may lead the

Bank of England to seek

more rises next year. But the

package of export services." Addressing the British Exporters Association, Mr Heseltine emphasised the success of British exporting - the UK exports more per head than Japan or the US - but said can go on to win. The Government is therefore committed to

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measure, which excludes the volatile effect of bankers' balances, grew 0.4 per cent. while the annual rate fell to 7.4 per cent. housing starts rose 16 per cent in the three months to September 30

it only as a sideline activity, to be pursued if and when specific opportunities arise".

The Department of Trade

and Industry and the Foreign Office are joining forces in two new initiatives aimed at helping British business abroad. They are to issue a White Paper on world trade before a World Trade Organisation ministerial meeting in Singapore next month. It will set out UK policies to promote trade and lay out government aims for the meeting, including a target of full free trade between

all WTO nations by 2020. A scheme called Open Menu will, from January, link export support offered by the DTI in Britain with that offered by the Foreign Office's embassies.

A&L faces protest against float plans

By CAROLINE MERRELL

Alliance & Leicester Building Society is setting up an action group to protest at the way the society plans to distribute its shares in its proposed flotation.

Alliance & Leicester is aiming for a £2.8 billion float at the beginning of next year. It has decided to distribute 250 shares to each of its 2.4 million savers and borrowers, upsetting some customers who have large sums invested or have been with the society for many years. Patrick Mountain, a retired former Alliance & Leicester agent, has nearly

£150,000 saved with the society. He said: "After the announcement of the float I asked the society what I should do with my money. They told me i should leave it with the society to ensure I got the maximum payout. They also lowered the interest rate on the account 1 was in, and I was unable to move my savings. I would have

A FORMER agent of the made much more money by moving my money elswhere, I am out of pocket by thousands of pounds."

> Mr Mountain said the decision to opt for a flat-rate shares allocation had left many people "absolutely hopping mad". The National & Provincial and the Cheltenham & Gloucester offered members payouts based on their balances.

Some analysts believe that the society has opted for the flat payout because it means that the society will be the first to the market

The society said: "We believe our scheme is the fairest and most appropriate for the vast majority of our members. Over 70 per cerit of balances of less than £2,000."

Mr Mountain, 63, of Somerton, Somerset, said he had received dozens of calls supporting him.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Westinghouse loss trimmed to \$28m

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC incurred a \$28 million loss in the third quarter after taking a \$30 million after-tax charge related to early retirement of debt. Losses were \$52 million in the third quarter of the previous year. The company, which acquired CBS, the TV network, this year, said revenues for the quarter were \$2.04 billion (\$1.28 billion), with CBS helping to send broadcasting group sales soaring to \$910 million (\$166 million). million). Westinghouse said net income for the first nine months almost trebled to \$64 million, or 14 cents a share, from \$22 million, amounting to 2 loss of 3 cents a share after a 22 cents a share net loss on the disposal of WCI Communities Inc.

The company did not have any comment on reports that it was considering separating its media businesses, which will include the soon-to-be-acquired Infinity Broadcasting Corp. from its less-profitable industrial units. Westinghouse said power systems sales, which account for about two thirds of its revenues, increased significantly during the quarter.

TI Group stands by bid

TI GROUP, the UK engineering company, has said it has no plans to increase its £189 million takeover bid for Forsheda, the Swedish polymer manufacturer. TI, which is being advised by SBC Warburg, said it had received acceptances in respect of 63.6 per cent of the votes and 20.6 per cent of the total number of shares in Forsheda. The UK company said it has the right to fulfil the offer even if it does not achieve 90 per cent of the votes. Henderson Investors, the UK fund manager, has signalled its opposition to the terms in respect of its 12.77 per cent interest.

Peptide agreement

PEPTIDE THERAPEUTICS, the biopharmaceutical company that specialises in allergy treatment, has signed an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with BTG to develop a new allergy vaccine for animals. BTG already provides the vaccine technology that Peptide uses under license in researching the treatment of human allergies. Peptide does not intend to complete the development of the animal vaccine alone. It is talking to larger US and European companies to fund the product's commercialisation.

Ladbroke's US sale

LADBROKE GROUP, the UK lessure and property company. is raising \$56.2 million through the sale of its freehold interest in a development in the US. The Ballston Station development in Arlington County, Virginia, is being sold to the State Teachers Retirement Board of Ohio. Ladbroke said that net rental income for the eight-storey building was \$5 million in 1995. The deal is likely to be completed by December 30. Ladbroke said that the proceeds would further reduce group debt and provide funds to invest in core businesses.

Scott Pickford battle

DON SCOTT, founder and acting chairman of Scott Pickford, an AIM company, is supporting Aerodata, an Australian geophysics firm poised to make a hostile bid for SP. Aerodata, which like SP advises oil explorers, also has the support of directors Peter Rothera and Andrew Shrager. giving it 14.2 per cent of the company, if it opts to bid. But Mr Rothera and Mr Shrager may be ousted by shareholders with 52 per cent of votes at an extraordinary meeting today.

Irish society buys

THE Republic of Ireland's First National Building Society has trebled its operating size in Northern Ireland with the purchase of Cheltenham & Gloucester's Belfast branch. First National, which has about 14 per cent of the republic's mortgage market, already has one office in Belfast and sells its products through agents in the rest of Northern Ireland. C&G's only office in Northern Ireland has assets of £70 million. The deal will be funded from internal resources.

Green light for Swiss Re

THE European Commission has approved Swiss Re's acquisition of Mercantile & General, Prudential's reinsurance subsidiary. The EU said Swiss Re's share of the global market would be below 15 per cent and the enlarged company would not, therefore, enjoy a dominant position. Prudential, the UK's biggest life insurer, will have an extra £1.75 billion with which to fund acquisitions. Prudential has said it is interested in buying a building society or life insurer.

Shield buys laboratories

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the healthcare company working on a new test for heart disease, has bought two laboratory companies for an initial £701,500. Shield has immediately transferred the business of Guardian Laboratories to Plasmatec Laboratory Products. The previous owners may receive further payments depending on future results. Gordon Hall, Shield's managing director, said the acquisitions were growing business in Shield's core area of infectious disease.

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☐ Bill for BT's plans won't arrive for years ☐ Car dealerships need shake-up ☐ Mixed signals from the housing market

BRITISH TELECOM'S decision to take full control of MCI, America's second-largest long-distance phone company, for about \$20 billion is a strategic Uturn. In the past couple of years, BT has concentrated on building a European presence in advance of deregulation on the Continent in 1998. The strategy was an obvious one: growth was assured because operators such as Deut-sche Telekom and France Télécom could only lose market share once their monopolies

were broken. Now BT has decided to switch attention from the world's least competitive market to the most competitive. In buying MCI, the company is entering into a free-for-all that will produce as many losers as winners. The 1996 Telecommunications Act, the most cumpaning telecommunications. most sweeping telecoms legisla-tion since AT&T was broken up in 1984, will allow local and longdistance companies to compete in each other's markets.

MCl has already committed to spend \$2 billion to build the basis of a local business and will have to spend billions more to become a significant player. This is the main attraction of bringing in the British. The question is whether BT has the financial might and imagination to make a splash. While the company has vast experience in the local market, it has none in the US.

Premium call rate

America is littered with the such as video-on-demand. In Europe, the company has capital hungry partnerships in alcorpses of foreign adventurers. BT will argue that its American and European strategies are most every major country, and it identical. In each case, easy is scouring the market for an profits are meant to come by Asian partner. The suspicion is introducing competition into what was previously a monopoly market. Local calls in the US are

the sole domain of the regional

phone companies, or Baby Bells, a situation the Telecommunica-

tions Act is supposed to elimi-nate, and the margins are huge. MCI has to pay 45 per cent of its long-distance call revenue to the

regional phone companies. While the local market looks tempting. BT should not forget

that far more nimble players such as AT&T and Sprint are just as eager to attack. Margins, as a result, can only fall.

lions will be spent, before BT will

be able to judge its success, or lack of it, in the local market. In

the meantime, the war will have to continue on many fronts. In

the UK. BT has stated it is

willing to spend £15 billion to

that BT is overstretching itself. Neither Sir Iain Vallance. chairman, nor Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, are men to show signs of self doubt even despite the lack of overseas experience. But as the bills for penetrating the local market come in, MCI shareholders, who are already being paid a 30 per cent pre-mium to the share price before talks were revealed, may emerge

No way to drive a bargain The problem is that many years will pass, and many bil-

DYOU get into your car each weekend and drive some way out of town. You do this because the superstore you are heading for carries a wider range than the high street, allowing you to choose the best value brand of willing to spend £15 billion to upgrade its local networks to provide high-capacity services anyway, because of that out-of-

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power that big grocers enjoy.

The car you drive to the superstore in, however, has been bought from a small hole in the wall in the high street. There was no choice when you bought it — just one brand per hole in the wall. If the car was new, you probably had to wait weeks for delivery, because the store does not have the space to carry all the stock it sells. This is because it is in the high street. In an ideal world you would

have travelled some distance out of town to a large facility, purpose-built or converted from another use, where there would be a range of new and secondhand models parked outside. You test-drive the half a dozen

makes that are in your price range. You don't like the clutch on this one, or the trim on the other; you still drive away the ideal car for your needs.

This doesn't happen because of our weird and outdated system of car dealership, a legalised cartel which requires retailers to pledge they will sell one brand only, and fight like sharks for the privilege. It dates back to the days when there were not enough cars being produced, and some sort of rationing was needed. Franchises, which carry the right to be part of this cartel,

change hands for large amounts.

This system is breaking down. but surprisingly slowly. Joining the stock market this month is the Car Group, which has ambitious plans to trade a range of cars at out-of-town locations. Used cars, only, though. No one has yet tried the same trick with new ones, because, supposedly, this would upset the manufac-turers. And yet the latter are cutting down on their dealership networks because even they recognise that this is an inefficient way to shift the 30 per cent or so of production that goes to the private buyer. It cannot be too many years before someone tries the Car Group approach with new cars too.

Trading places

READING the runes in the housing market was difficult enough even before last week's base rate rise and the assumption of dearer mortgages in future. Monthly figures from the Halifax provide some clue, but this is still the strangest market this is still the strangest market we have seen in years.

For one thing, it disobeys one basic rule of economics, that scarcity pushes prices up. There is a desperate shortage of goodquality homes in the right areas three and four-bedroom family houses in popular suburbs, say. Such homes are often selling within days, a certainty which discourages potential buyers from putting their own prop-erties on the market until they have found somewhere to move. This increases the shortage, as there are more visible buyers

The result should be that prices go through the roof. They are not doing so because buyers remember only too well the last time that the housing market took off and appreciate the fragility of any upturn. So most are terrified of overpaying. Last week's interest rate move, even if it had no impact on mortages. will have increased this caution. while highlighting the attractions of the fixed-rate deals on

The Halifax figures show that since 1994 the average price of a second-hand home has risen three times as fast as a new house. The builders have been saying this for years; they cannot compete, because they cannot build in those areas where people want to live, those afore-said leafy suburbs that are seeing the best price rises. The end result must be a housing market with a far wider range of prices, from the respectable proportions of a million pounds attaching to fairly ordinary family homes in the right areas to cheap, largely unwanted first-time flats elsewhere.

This divergence has been evident ever since the market collapsed at the end of the 1980s. Paradoxically, it offers the best encouragement to buvers and sellers alike; if you want to upgrade, it will only get more difficult as time goes on.

> when calculating a life company's solvency margin. Michael Doerr, chief execu-

tive, said the move would

enable Friends Provident to make acquisitions. It took over

National Mutual Australia in

1993 and this year just missed

acquiring the coal industry's

E15 billion CINman fund.
A total of E215 million

nominal undated subordinat-

ed bonds were issued yester-day by FP Finance and

guaranteed by Friends Provi-dent Life Office. This new debt

will be repaid only after

policyholders and Friends' se-

nior creditors have been paid.

The issue was arranged by Merrill Lynch and SBC War-

Standard and Poor's, the

credit rating agency, said Friends had come to marker at

a sensible time because

Friends Provident

to raise £215m

By Marianne Curphey

FRIENDS PROVIDENT, the

mutual life insurer which for

more than a year has been rumoured to be considering

flotation or looking for a parent, is raising £215 million of extra capital on the stock

market. The insurer said this

indicated its intention to "stay

Analysts commented that as

long as equities continued to

rise and the insurer's portfolio increased, it would be under

no pressure to seek a stock

market listing. A market col-

lapse, however, would still

leave it vulnerable. The £215

million will be raised through

a bond issue and will raise the

company's capital base to

In 1994 Scottish Amicable

became the first British mutu-

al to make a public issue of

such loans. The capital raised

can be taken into account est rates were low.

more than E2 billion.

mutual and independent".

Citizens Financial in deal

Citizens Financial Group, the US arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland, is paying \$87 million for Grove Bank Grove has seven branches in Boston and total assets of \$599 million.

The deal also includes the three-branch Greater Boston Bank, the purchase of which Grove announced in August, After the acquisition. Citizens will have 240 branches in four New England states, with assets of about \$16 billion.

Job in pipeline

British Gas is to have a new managing director of ex-ploration and production. Frank Chapman, after the departure of its last chief to Enterprise Oil. Mr Chapman, who worked for Shell week. He last worked at Kvaerner where he headed its oil and gas interests until the Norwegian com-pany's takeover of Trafalgar House.

Results dates

National Grid is due to report its interim financial results on November 26 (Companies, Business News, November 4). Carlton Communications is due to report final results on December 4.

Bidders for **Conrail** may divide the spoils

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

Conrail, the largest railway company in northeast America, has taken a new twist with the two bidders holding talks about dividing the company between them.

CSX, a company that has Sir Denis Thatcher as a director, and Norfolk Southern are holding discussions over the ping out of the bidding but buying certain agreed assets from the purchaser. The outcome will decide which of the companies, both based in Virginia, will dominate the rail industry in the eastern US.

However, the companies already disagree about the sub-stance of the talks. CSX claims that it is discussing the possibility of selling some Conrail assets to Norfolk if Norfolk drops out of the bidding. Norfolk says it has no intention of dropping its bid but is considering selling some Conrail as-

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THE \$8 billion bid battle for sets to CSX if it wins. Both sides said the other initiated the talks.

The bids were launched about two weeks ago and whichever side wins will become the largest railways company in the eastern US. raising regulatory concerns.

This appears to be the reason for the latest discussions, since both bidders rea ise they may have to divest some assets to avoid being penalised under anti-trust rules. "We are committed to maintaining a competitive bal-ance in the east," Northern said. Both companies are also nervous of alienating corporate clients if they become too powerful as a result of buying

Conrail.

Norfolk's bid continues to look the more attractive of the two since it is offering \$100 in cash for each Conrail share, valuing the offier at \$8.1 billion. CSX's cash and paper offer has fallen below \$8 billion because of a decline in the company's share price. Norfolk also announced yesterday that it has secured \$15 billion in bank financing for its bid, nearly twice the amount it actually needs. The company said the enthusiasm

of its bank backers underlines the attractiveness of its offer.

The bid battle is part of the big restructuring sweeping through the US rail industry. spurred on by rising business and profits as freight shippers increasingly use rail rather than road for the first time in more than two decades. Conrail was created by the forced merger of five ailing rail companies in the early 1980s. But rapid consolidation is creating a small number of rail company giants that many analysts fear will lead to a fall in competition. After two other big deals in the last 12

months there are now only two big companies in the west-



Simon Bentley says he expects Blacks Leisure to improve further in the second half

Football

Blacks By Fraser Nelson

helped to lift trading at Blacks Leisure, the sports shop chain, which achieved an increased interim pre-tax profits of £3.9 million (£736,000).

Simon Bentley, chairman,

lifted margins from 46.2 per cent to 48.6 per cent over the half year. Active Venture, specialising in active fashion

already 15 per cent stronger in the first nine weeks.

(0.75p) is due on February 3.

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said that during the Euro 96 tournament, visiting football fans increased sales of international football strips.
First Sport, its core chain.

clothes, expanded from one to nine stores. Miss Sam, the company's womanswear wholesaler and designer, suffered a loss of £100,000. Mr Bentley said the division had been earmarked for disposal. Mr Bentley said the second half is traditionally stronger than the first and sales are

In all, 19 stores were added to Blacks's 85-strong portfolio. Like-for-like sales grew 24 per cent, taking turnover to £42.2 million (£31 million) and earnings to 8.46p per share (1.59p). An interim dividend of 1.25p

ern US and two in the east. **United Utilities** sells lending arm

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

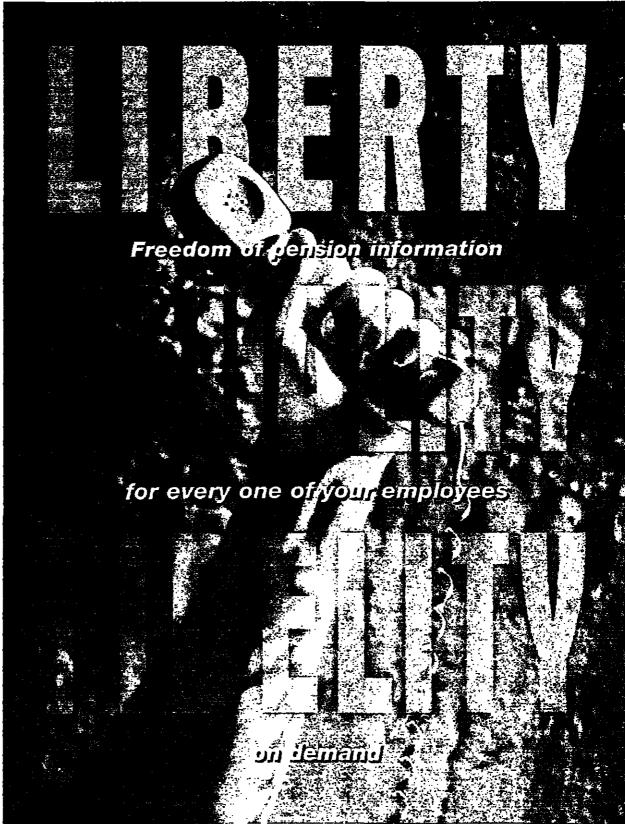
UNITED UTILITIES, the Brian Staples, chief executive, North West electricity and water company, has sold the cant disposal of non-core activi-lending arm of its electrical ties and brings the total raised retailing division to Lombard Tricity Finance.

The sale will net £113 million for United Utilities, the country's first "super utility". formed from the takeover of Norweb by North West Water. Lombard Tricity, part of the NatWest Group, is paying an initial £100 million. It is expected to pay a further £13 million from the cashflow of the portfolio of customers'

credit arrangements.
United is looking to sell its entire retail business along with other parts of the company in a sell-off programme announced earlier this year.

said: "This is a further signififrom disposals to approximately £238 million towards our target of £350 million."

It is likely that the retail business will be the next to go. leaving United with its generation interests still to be sold. Norweb Retailing operates from a string of out-of-town superstores and high street shops, and the utility is in talks with a number of potential buyers. It is thought that the business would make a sensible buy for Scottish-Power, which has outlined nationwide ambitions for power supply and a desire to be a high street name.



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MICHAEL CLARK

Flying start for BT shares in bout of frantic trading

FRANTIC trading in BT accounted for almost 13 per cent of the total turnover of the London stock market. By the close of business. 84.2 million BT shares had changed hands, compared with 648.8 million for the market as a

The announcement of the group's proposed merger with MCI came too late on Friday for the London market to react. But the shares got off to a flying start yesterday, soaring 22p to 373p as brokers gave an enthusiastic thumbs up to the proposed £12 billion merger and 35p dividend

Brokers said that BT would he effectively throwing money at shareholders over the next year. In addition to the special dividend, it has also agreed to pay a 7.9p interim in January, followed by a final of 11.95p in

September of next year. One broker said: The shares are yielding something like 18 per cent. You can't turn your back on something like

SBC Warburg reckons the shares could reach as high as 430p once the deal is concluded while ABN Amro Hoare Govett has set a target price of 400o. But as other brokers have been quick to point out, US investors may turn out to be sellers of the newly merged company. MCI is regarded as a growth stock in the US and a merger with a tried and tested income stock such as BT may not suit their needs.

The speculation generated by the deal focused attention on other telecom companies. with Vodafone rising 5p to 24112 p. It is seen as a possible bid target by one of the other US giants such as AT&T. Cable and Wireless, which has linked up with other

partners, fell op to 48312 p. But the deal failed to benefit Securicor, down 8p at 275p. There is growing concern that BT may now have got cold feet per ceni stake in Cellnet. Brokers say Securicor's share of Cellne

Telewest marked time at 141p after seeing losses at the third-quarter stage double to

£59.1 million. The rest of the equity market had a lacklustre session. with investors reluctant to make a move ahead of polling in the US presidential election. time to ponder the outlook for

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Shares of Tesco, the supermarket group, dropped 4p to 325p

interest rates after last week's quarter-point rise to 6 per cent. It left them wondering if further rises might be on the way - a point that tomorrow's Bank of England Inflation Report may underline.

A volatile start to trading on Wall Street failed to offer any lead to London with the Dow Jones industrial average moving 20 points higher after

The food retailers were again under a cloud as J Sainsbury stepped up the price war by offering extra Reward card points to customers. After last week's profits shortfall. Sainsbury fell a further 8p to 35512 p. There were also losses for Asda, lp to 1163 p, Tesco 4p to 325p, and Safeway 5p to 357p. Talk of a major restructuring left Kwik

Burford Holdings fell '2p to 1362p as Nick Leslau, chief executive, raised £5.14 million after exercising options on 4.8 million shares at 28.4p. The shares were placed with institutions by BZW. He still owns 3.8 million shares and Ell million of shares and options in Burford and associate companies.

recovering from a ten-point fall. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index closed just above its low for the day with a loss of 20.4 points at 3.928.1.

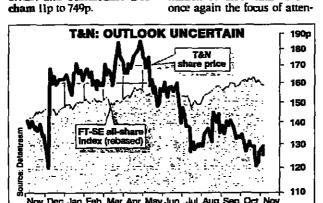
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Save 17p down at 302p. Fullyear figures from cash-rich Associated British Foods came in at the top end of expectations and were rewarded with a rise of 82p to 4252p.

Anglian Water, reporting today, stood out with a rise of 102p at 559p. The market is looking for a modest increase in pre-tax profits of about £4 million at El30 million. But

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TI Group dropped 8p to 560's p after ruling out the prospect of increasing its £189 million bid for Forsheda, the Swedish polymer group. The group has come under pressure from dissident shareholders, led by Henderson Investors, to raise its offer. TI aiready has the backing of shareholders representing 63 per cent of the issued shares.

GILT-EDGED: Investors remained in a cautious mood. reluctant to open fresh positions before the US presidential election and tomorrow's

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Brokers began downrading profit estimates for T&N after it said that sales of automotive parts remained patchy. A downturn in diesel parts made it difficult for the group to asses the outcome for the year. Crédit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, responded by cutting its forecast by £9 million to fill million. The shares fell 3½ p to 125½ p.

The only positive news for asbestosis-related diseases.

Bank of England Inflation

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AIM for dollars

BEARS of the US stock market will carp at Invesco's El billion takeover of AIM Management Group. Invesco is already heavily skewed to the mood on Wall Street, with 80 per cent of its own business originating Stateside. AIM brings with it some £58 billion of client funds, a treasure chest that will render trifling Invesco's remaining UK business.

When Invesco disclosed that it was in talks with AIM in September, there were worries that it would overpay. The relatively happy mood among US investors means that fund management groups are highly sought after businesses. In the event, a price of \$1.6 billion for a business that could earn almost \$100 million in the current year suggests an exit multiple of 16.5 times. Not cheap, but not particularly expensive when the company's growth rate is put into the equation.

Invesco is unlikely to achieve much in the way of cost savings from this deal. In effect, its greater concern will be to lock in key people, a process that could be expensive in an industry in which corporate loyalty is becoming scarce. AIM sells retail products, exploiting the rapid growth in 401K investment plans, a product similar to a Pep but held until retirement. AIM's sales have double since 1994 and some forecasts of \$120 million in net earnings in 1997 reduce the exit multiple to 13 times.

Therefore, Invesco is gambling on a rising stream of cash flowing into US retirement funds, and the goodwill premium paid for AIM buys a voluminous address list of financial advisers who act as conduits for funds. The market could turn sour, but anxiety about poverty in retirement is increasing here and in America. That bodes well for Invesco.

AB Foods

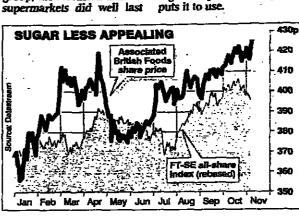
THE pile of cash at Associated British Foods is taking on the appearance of a Carl Andre sculpture. Like the infamous bricks at the Tate Gallery, it is expensive, seems to serve little purpose and arouses criticism. Nevertheless (and like the bricks) there is a grudging accep-tance of ABF's loot. After all, the company managed to increase profits 15 per cent last year, in spite of having a large slug of its capital

earning single digit interest. But if ABF does find a £1 billion deal that meets its exacting standards, then ABF could become a much more interesting investment. A decent acquisition would give far higher returns than money earns on deposit.

Moreover, a good acquisition would make the group less dependant on British

Sugar, which is currently responsible for about half of year, but they face increasing competition as British competitors move across the operating profits. Sugar is a highly subsidised commod-Irish Sea. Forecasts of £440 million ity, but there is some pressure for that to change. If the subsidies were reduced. Brit-

for the current financial year put the company on an earnings multiple of 13.5 times. That looks expensive until ABF finally stops stargroup, the Northern Ireland ing at its pile of money and



Greycoat

WHICHEVER way you look at it, UK Active Value's proposal makes little sense. Putting the portfolio up for sale is a weak stance from which to extract maximum value. The principal asset — Embankment Place — is a problem. Its rental income is ahead of the market rate and any buyer — there are few for £200 million buildings would be seeking a bondtype, nil-growth yield of about 8 per cent. Were the property anticipating a good

be a more racy 6.5 per cent. Grevcoat wants to wait. say 12 months, by when the disparity between market rents and Embankment Place will have narrowed. but UKAV thinks a liquidation would at least substantially narrow the gap between the share price of 148p and a net asset value which UKAV puts at 185p. Of course, that is nonsense

ause the open market

property valuations that unlempin a property company's balance sheet are not based on a quick sale of the entire portfolio. Add selling costs and a £10 million bill for unwinding interest rate swaps and the proceeds are unlikely to fetch anything near 185p per share. But UKAV has a reason to

ish Sugar would suddenly

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asset. Elsewhere in the

criticise Greycoat. It has been a lousy investment by any measure, but much of that is down to the poor performance of the office property market. Investors who put much better, but Greycoat was advertised as a play on Central London offices. Arguably, Greycoat should have sold Embankment Place two years ago, when bond-type properties were enjoying a mini-boom in an otherwise dead market, but it makes little sense to sell just as rental growth resumes.

UKAV's brand of shareholder guerilla warfare is a welcome change to the gentle

sion of institutions. Yet it needs to offer more realistic alternatives, if there were a bidder out there for Greycoat, or its properties, it would have shown its face by now.

T&N

T&N NEVER seems to enjoy a clear run of good news. The decision by the US Supreme Court to review a lower court's challenge to the Georgine Settlement procedure is a welcome break. It money into retail or leisure, recognises that the lower out of line with precedent. More important, it means that the Georgine settlement procedures stay in place until the Supreme Court rules.

> Yet T&N now reveals its core business of friction and piston products is suffering weak demand and lower margins. One has to be thankful even for small mercies.

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THE TIMES

Cuckoo in the nest

TENANTS can be troublesome, but few are quite as annoying as UK Active Value Fund. The com-pany, which rents office space from Greycoat in Brettenham House on London's Savoy Street, just happens to be one of the property investment group's largest share-holders.

Peter Thornton, Grey-coat's chief executive, would dearly love to be rid of UKAV, which is run by Brian Myerson. For it is Myerson who has been harrassing Greycoat with proposals to liquidate the company's portfolio and to change the business.

Superglue in the locks and large barking dogs are clearly not an option for a respectable landlord such as Thornton, who has resigned himself to waiting until UK Active Value makes the first move. "When I sit at my desk, Myerson is only seven feet above me at his desk," he

Texas-style

IT IS never too late, if the birth of the somewhat unimaginatively named Amvesco is anything to go by. Charles T. Bauer, the 77year-old chairman and chief executive officer of AIM. which is based in Texas, who has been with the privately owned fund managers since 1976, must be proof that there's life in the old dog yet.

Twenty years on, and Bauer is happily en-sconced under his new employment agreement for an initial term of at least four years.

_ ALLIANCE



But I'm a smarter investor"

Rebel HQ

THE 63-year-old retired estate agent at the helm of the Alliance and Leicester action group, has set up base in his neighbour's front room. Patrick Mountain, chairman of Somerton Parish Council, who has £147,000 tied up in the society, is commandeering troops from broadcaster Keith Chalkley's makeshift studio.

A fellow A&L member and UK correspondent for five countries, Chalkley is delighted that his high-tech broadcasting equip-ment is beging put to use. "I was beginning to worry that I'd wasted my money." says Chalkley, who has been kept busy stocking the biscuit tin and boiling the kettle.

Pairing off

TWO'S company, three's a crowd, as far as legal firm McKenna & Co is concerned. When merger talks among managing partners from McKenna, Denton Hall, and Cameron Markby Hewitt, fell by the way last week, all was not lost. Cameron Markby may have backed out the tripartite merger, but talks between Denton and Me-Kenna continue.

Brotherly love

A SIGNED Joe Cocker CD may have seemed a strange prize to offer motor racers at a Silverstone corporate day in aid of the charity Wateraid. But the CD was just one of the incentives donated by the event host and boss of Severa Trent, one Vie Cocker - brother of Joe.

MORAG PRESTON

Brooks Brothers discovers how to change with the times

M&S has seen its venerable US

clothing chain gain a new lease of life.

says Ian Brodie

The startling changes at Brooks Brothers are apparent from the opening pages of its an-turn catalogue. Gone are the mature, sombre figures of yesteryear. In their place, three smiling lads and a lass are lounging against a convertible. Their shirt sleeves are casually rolled up. Collars are undone. Ties have been yanked loose. One fellow has his shirt tail hanging out. Hair is tousled.

The foursome have a nonchalant, unconstrained air about them that sets the tone for the pages that follow. True, the classic Brooks Brothers suits and blazers are still to be found, but splashed predominantly among them are less formal fashions, along with vivid ties and an array of shirts in appealingly jaunty colours. None of the men wearing the clothes seems to be older than 28. All exude the confidence and gusto of well-to-do young profes-

There's a whole new spirit," the catalogue explains, and that is certainly good news for Brooks Brothers' parent company, Marks & Spencer. Forecasts are that the six-month M&S figures, due tomorrow, will show Brooks Brothers has continued the healthy trend of the financial year that ended last March, when its operating profit was up more than 80 per cent to \$16.9 million after a loss of \$4 million in the first half of the year.

In the first half of the year.

But Brooks Brothers still probably falls short of the profitability Marks & Spencer had in mind when it bought the venerable clothing chain for \$750 million eight years ago.

Until recently, Brooks Brothers was sagging. It had stayed aloof from the volatile, and highly commenting US

volatile and highly competitive US fashion market. Its branches retained the somewhat intimidating atmo-sphere of a club for old fogies. Some sales staff were snooty towards wouldbe customers who wandered in wear-

ing jeans and trainers.
The company watched the American vogue for dress-down Fridays pass it by, disdaining to promote the stylishly casual clothes that became acceptable in many workplaces. Maintaining inventory was a scattershot affair. Choice of products was meagre. Faithful customers joked that they could have any colour of dress shirt they

wanted, provided it was blue or white. The situation was so bad that Brooks Brothers staff were worried that Marks -& Spencer would cut the company adrift, leaving it to sink. It was a gloomy time for a firm that was synonymous with refinement and still enjoyed an enviable reputation for offering conservative clothing to a fastidious clientele that included some of the best-known and best-dressed men of their time.

When Henry Brooks opened for business in lower Manhattan in 1818 he promised quality merchandise for customers who would seek out and appreciate its value. Little else is











Brooks Brothers' Madison Avenue store and famous clients, clockwise from top left, Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Fred Astaire and Cary Grant

known about Brooks, other than a prior stint as a grocer. But when his four sons inherited the business they changed its name to Brooks Brothers and agreed to follow their father's philosophy. Their designs caught on quickly. In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln wore a Brooks Brothers frockcoat to his second inauguration and, again, five weeks later, when he was

Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, Astors and Morgans were among the tycoons

who relied on Brooks Brothers for their tailoring. Regulars from Hollywood included Cary Grant, Fred Astaire, Clark Gable and Gary Cooper. The Duke of Windsor went to Brooks Brothers for his dressing gowns. Both Bill Clinton and Bob Dole are among today's customers. So is Colin Powell.

Yet by the time Chris Littmoden arrived in New York from London two years ago as director of Marks & Spencer North America it was apparent that management was steeped in a culture that was not moving with the times. As he admits, Brooks Brothers had older customers it wanted to keep, but it was not addressing the issue of how to attract younger customers. In the inevitable shake-up, a new management team was installed under a new chief executive, Joe Gromek, who was poached from another big retailer.

The Littmoden-Gromek team focused on three areas. First, they improved product lines, introducing new shirts and ties in lime greens. lilacs and pinks. With the help of Marks & Spencer, they found fabrics that would wear better and last longer. They softened the silhouette of the Brooks Brothers suit and gave it a tighter weave so that travel creases

would fall our more easily.

Secondly, they tackled service. Sales staff were retrained to be more customer-friendly and were taught to suggest ties and shirts to go with a suit as a way of increasing the items sold per transaction. The shops were also made more light and airy. Thirdly, merchan-dise availability was overhauled with the establishment of a central distribution centre and a guarantee to branches that out-of-stock items would be replaced within 48 hours.

Separate management teams were created for each of the company's four profit centres: the chain of retail shops in the US which, with eight new openings since May, now numbers 69, up from 50 when Marks & Spencer took over; the 41 so-called factory outlet stores, mostly in holiday venues, which sell cheaper merchandise; the directmail business; and the Brooks Brothers chain in Japan and South Korea.

easy and is far from finished. Mr Littmoden said: "We're not 100 per cent there yet, but we're 1,000 per cent better than we were." Much more attention must be paid to women's clothes, still treated as an afterthought. The catalogue needs work if it is to compete with the urbane and appealing publications of Lands' End and other US direct-mail giants. Brooks Brothers must also venture into

more aggressive advertising.

There was understandable nervousness that the company's core market of loyal shoppers would be upset by change. By and large they were not. It turns out that many of today's old fogies no longer want to dress like old

Delving into the company's archives. the new team was surprised to discover that Brooks Brothers has a history of innovation, without fear of new colours and patterns. This year's popular ties with horizontal stripes were found in a Brooks Brothers catalogue of 50 years ago. The company pioneered the twosuits in 1953, three-button suits in 1930 and, most famously of all, button-down shirts as long ago as 1896.

This precedent of setting fashion, rather than following it, ought to be a mantra for Brooks Brothers if recent gains are to be sustained. There could even be an unexpected advantage for the parent company. Wendy Liebmann, a retail analyst with WSL Marketing in New York, says that Brooks Brothers' merchandise is now sufficiently unstuffy to be shipped across the Atlantic to liven up the sales racks of Marks & Spencer, which she reckons has lost its design edge.



Strong pound? No problem

welcome the stronger pound; exporters say

Only five years ago, before Britain left the ERM, the economy was in a parlous state. The Treasury and Bank of England told us that if we broke the fixed link with the mark and opted for a lower exchange rate, inflation and interest rates would rise and there would be no lasting gain in real output. Most forecast-ers and dealers agreed.

Soon after we came out, however, the economy improved. Inflation and interest rates fell. Output grew and unemployment began falling. Exports were in the vanguard of the recovery. Can anyone seriously suggest anything like this would have been possible without the shift to a much lower exchange rate?

Yet here we are again, eradually, willingly, giving up the competitive pound that has brought so many advantages. Since the start of the year, sterling has risen by 9 per cent on its trade-weighted index, by 11 per cent against the mark and by 16 per cent

against the yen. We are told exporters "can cope with a strong pound, pushing DM2.50, and that changes of 10 per cent in the rate this year don't really matter. A strange view that sees a quarter per cent change in interest rates as very significant but dismisses a 10 per cent change in exchange rates.

It should come as no surprise that many exporters say that they "can cope with" the current exchange rate. The ones who are there to give answers are those who have survived the various onslaughts of the last 20 years (and before). The ones who could not cope have withdrawn or gone bust.

Moreover, conditioned by their experience to expect the worst, the survivors have grossly profitable. No bold forays into new markets, no extra capacity to increase output for overseas sales. These are the firms which, when faced with a supercompetitive pound after we left the ERM, were tempted to enjoy a nice increase in margins rather than fight for a larger market share. Is it any wonder? They have

learned from bitter experience that under this Government, puts them in the trenches. while consumers, like First World War generals, live it up in their chateaux well behind

For the current official attitude to sterling is nothing new. In 1979-81, the pound soared to ridiculous levels, accompanied by a strange mixture of official indifference and encouragement. Large parts of manufacturing were wiped out. In the economic recovery of the 1980s, manufacturing staged a revival but when the effects of the consumer boom had to be quelled, the authorities encourage sterling higher and then locked-in the high rate by joining the ERM. Then they clung on to the over-valued rate even as the economy teetered on the brink of collanse

In fact the authorities were following a still older tradition. In 1925, they had tried to beat wages down by returning to the Gold Standard at the old parity. In 1964-7 they desperately clung on to an overvalued pound.

You might think that the current apparent lack of official concern about competitiveness is due to the extra-strong performance of our trading companies. But you would be wrong. Britain will record a current account deficit this year, the 11th in succession.

But haven't the Germans and Japanese done well by having strong currencies, I hear you ask? No, their postwar success story is one of operating with under-valued currencies which were allowed to appreciate behind the underlying improvement in productivity, thereby creating a favourable dynamic.

hat can the Chancellor do about the strong pound? Go easy on rate rises - and on tax cuts. Whether last week's rate rise will prove to be justified, and whether rates have to go higher still, will partly depend on whether Mr Clarke gives large tax cuts in the Budget. If he does, we could be in for another bout of super-strong sterling. Anyone with a care for Britain's future, will hope he refrains.

Roger Bootle is Chief Economist of the HSBC Group. His book. The Death of Inflation, was published recently by Nicholas Brealey. Janet Bush is on holiday

Lord Alexander on the location of the Oxford business school

Why management must win the day

ty's Congregation — its Parliament — will vote on whether the university's new business school should be allocated a central site for a prestigious new building. I hope for the sake of the university's credibility and Britain's competitiveness that the Fawkes tendency does not gain the upper hand.
Oxford has traditionally viewed business as a poor re-

lation to the learned professions. But attitudes are changing rapidly and it is now widely recognised in the university that Britain needs business and management skills of the very highest quality if it is to prosper in the even more competitive world of the next century. The standard of business leadership in this country is already rising with the current generation of 45 to 55-year-old chief executives, such as Robert Ayling of British Airways, Niall Fitzgerald of Unilever, Martin Taylor of Barclays, Derek Wanless of NatWest and Bob Wilson of RTZ. But we have to look beyond them and prepare their successors. It is not clear that Britain or indeed Europe is yet adequate-

ly equipped to do that. have long been powerhouses. of that country's conspicuous economic success. They have been - and continue to be buttressed by generous individual donations in the great tradition of US philanthropists. America turns out some 78,000 MBAs each year. Aside from Insead, LBS and IMD in Lausanne, Europe does not have business schools of international repute on a par with

To its credit, Oxford has rec-



Oxford has traditionally viewed business as a poor relation to the learned professions

cided it wants to have a business school to match the world's best. In reaching that decision, it has set out to make the most of Oxford's strengths. In 1988 a committee, chaired by Sir Claus Moser, the distinguished educationalist, recommended that the university should make a major commitment to the field of management education. He described Business schools in the US management studies as a "meeting point" for important academic disciplines which can be studied rigorously in relation to each other while being related to real world issues. He is right. Management studies should not exist in a vacuum. It is crucial that they be fully integrated into

the university. This emphasis on integrating management education is what will make Oxford differthe best American schools. ent from its international rivals. None of these excellent

ognised the challenge and de- institutions is effectively an state-of-the-art building and a integral part of a university. Oxford recognises that tomorrow's business leaders need to understand a broader picture beyond traditional management skills. It will also bring to bear the strengths of the university's collegiate and tutorial systems in a new field.

> start has already been made with the School demic and business world.

1 of Management, with close links to Templeton College. But Oxford is now moving into the next phase. An excellent business school faculty is being created, led as director by Professor John Kay. He brings a rare double of significant success in both the aca-

fully realised, the school must

have a clear identity and pres-

ence of its own. That translates

into a need for a substantial

But if the vision of a worldclass business school is to be central location, to emphasise its position at the heart of the university. As a latecomer in a highly competitive field of business studies, Oxford has to make the most of what it has to offer if it wants to attract the best. A central site is a key part of that. A fringe location would give the impression that the university regards business studies as a fringe activity.

the funds — or most of them needed to proceed, thanks to the £20 million gift from Wafic Said, an established benefactor of Oxford and the Royal Shakespeare Company. It is one of the single most generous private donations to British education. Taken with the £8 million the university itself has already raised, it should ensure that the business school has a building commensurate with its ambitions. An architectural competition

Now the university also has

mitted the winning design. The decision to be taken by Congregation today is the last internal hurdle which the university has to cross: that is allocating the central site which the school needs. The proposal put forward involves building on a playing field though in the midst of existing college and faculty buildings. I can understand why some members of the university will only agree to this sacrifice with a heavy heart. But if the proposal were to fail, it would be a slap in the face to the university's leadership, which has championed the cause of a business school with vision and commitment. And espe-

cially in the aftermath of the

Flick affair, it would badly,

perhaps irretrievably, damage

the university's ability to at-

British partnership has sub-

tract private donors in future. The business school will bring benefits not just to the university but to the City of Oxford and its surrounds. If it succeeds in establishing an international reputation, the likelihood is that more businesses will locate in Oxford, just as Cambridge has attracted science-based businesses and research bodies. That has been the experience of many

American business schools. As a trustee and a keen supporter of the foundation formed to support the school, I believe a positive decision today will give a dramatic boost to management studies in this country and will best serve the interests of both the university and the City of Oxford.

Lord Alexander of Weedon is chairman of NarWest and a trustee of the Said Business School

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Trial result hits British **Biotech** share price

THE latest results from the clinical trials of British Biotech's anti-cancer drug disappointed the stock market vesterday, prompting a fall in the company's share price from 229p to 2071 sp.

British Biotech said the results showed that Marimastat, a potential blockbuster, was still making strong progress. But some investors wanted more solid news.

The new data included the first results from treating gastric cancer. Four out of 14 patients treated with Marimastat showed firm signs of recov-ery, as their blood cells produced a protective shield against the cancer. A further trial involving 300 gastric cancer patients is about to begin. The tests also found that

Dixons buys mail order firm for £10m

DIXONS, the retailer, has acquired a specialist com-puter mail order company for E9.7 million in loan notes and cash (Sarah Cunningham writes).

John Clare. Dixons chief executive, said DNCS, the company acquired, would be used by PC World. Dixon's computer offshoot to supply business customers. "PC World has generated a lot of business accounts. but we have not had the systems or expertise to manage the accounts." he said. The business-to-business computer supplies market is worth E3 billion.

Mr Clare said. DNCS, based in Hey-wood, Manchester, had turnover last year of £25 million. It employs 130 people and Dixons plans to increase staff numbers.

Marimastat produced a positive response among victims of colorectal cancer. For the first time, the tests showed a relationship between use of the drugs and survival rates of its patients. James Noble, British Biotech's finance director. "The results are as encouraging as we could have huped at this stage." However, some analysts ex-

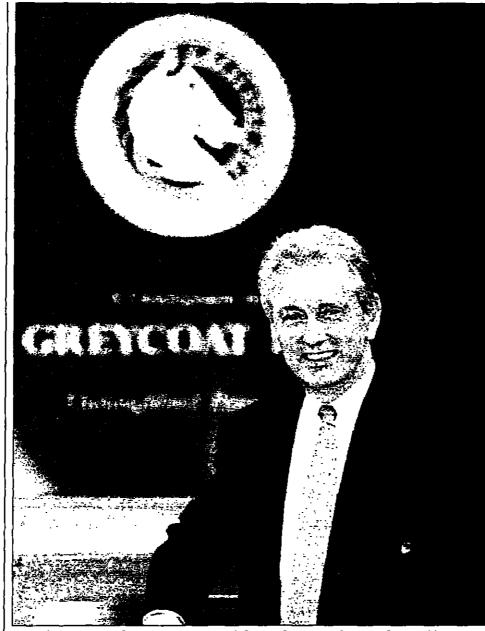
pressed concern that most of the tests gauged the progression of the disease by measuring the level of cancer-specific antigens. While there is a high co-relation between the levels of antigens and of cancer. British Biotech cannot use antigen data for its licensing submission. The company itself said that the tests were not conducted in accordance with guidelines laid down by the US Food & Drug Administration. It said the results should be treated with caution.

However. Mr Noble said the results had underlined the logic behind the company's £143 million rights issue in July. He said: "When we raised the money in July, we forecast that we would have started three phase three tests by the end of the year. We

have now started four."

The next stage of the Marimastat tests will use the survival rate of its patients as a yardstick of the drug's effectiveness. The phase three tests, the results of which are not expected until 1998, will monitor two groups of pa-tients — one treated with the real drug while another is given dummy pills. The tests are dubbed "double blind" experiments, as neither patients nor doctors will be aware which group is being given the real medicine.

If Marimastat secures official approval, it is estimated that its annual sales could reach \$1 billion by the turn of the century. In the year to April 30, British Biotech made



Bad timing: Peter Thornton, Greycoat chief executive, says it is too early to sell its assets

Directors face charges in Torras £500m fraud case

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE case involving one of the biggest financial scandals of the decade in Spain, involving the £1 billion bankruptcy of Torras, the company handling Kuwaiti investments in Spain. has been reopened by Manuel Garcia Castellon, an investigating judge in the national

Working on the order of Carlos Jimenez Villarejo, the new anti-corruption prosecutor, the judge has given the Treasury and La Caixa bank in Barcelona a fortnight to produce key documents. Sevtook investments for the Kuwaiti Investment Office (KIO) in London before the Gulf War, face charges of falsifying mercantile documents and prices, fraud, misappropriation and tax avoidance. They are: Javier de la Rosa, Narcso de Mir, Jorge Nuñez , Juan José Folchi, Miguel Soler. Fahad al Sabah and Fouad

Around £500 million disappeared from the Torras accounts at the time of the Gulf War. Javier de la Rosa, the

Torras Group, which under- the money was used to bribe senior figures in Western countries to get their countries' support for Kuwait after the Iraqi invasion. But the prosecution alleges the money was stolen through a labyrinth of offshore companies. The case had been delayed because Miguel Moreiras, a national court judge, was suspended for alleged corrupt practices.

Greycoat counters portfolio sale plan

By CARL MORTISHED

GREYCOAT has launched a counter-offensive against a proposal from UK Active Value, its main investor, to liquidate its property portfolio. The central London property group said the proposed closing down sale" was flawed and and would fail to secure shareholder value.

Greycoat yesterday forecast a 50 per cent rise in the annual dividend to 1.2p per share on a 123 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to £3.8 million. UKAV has requisitioned a meeting on November 14 to

vote on the proposed sell-off. Peter Thornton, Greycoat chief executive, said UKAV's proposal was badly timed and investors would miss out on growth just as City office rents were beginning to rise. Grey-coat's main asset is the £200 million Embankment Place office development above Charing Cross station.

Let to Coopers & Lybrand at £45 per sq ft, the property is well above current rental values of about £30 in the area. Mr Thornton thinks it will be 18 months before the property will be saleable as a growth investment and added a liquidation of the portfolio would depress prices.

"At the right time and in the right way we will seek to dis-pose of it. What he is trying to

do is the wrong time — at the start of a rental growth cycle." UKAV currently owns about 10 per cent of Greycoat, a shareholding which it ac-quired when the property group was rescued from insolvency three years ago. Brian Myerson of UKAV left the board this year when UKAV challenged Greycoat's deci-sion to sell the Buckingham

Palace Road property.

Mr Myerson said that
UKAV had no intention of selling its investment which he calculated was worth 185p per share. He challenged Greycoat's desire to wait before selling: "Why wait until the top of the market?"

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Emirates places \$2bn order with Airbus

EMIRATES, the Middle East airline, has placed a \$2 billion order with Airbus Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturer, for 16 new A330-200 aircraft, making the airline Airbus's biggest customer for the wide body jet. Emirales has an option for a further seven aircraft. Airbus won the contract

in competition with Boeing's 767 jets.
Emirates said that it had not yet decided whether engines would be supplied by Rolls-Royce, of Britain, or General Electric Company of America. Emirates will use the A330s on non-stop services from Dubai to Europe, South-East Asia and South Africa. Each aircraft will seat 243 passengers in a three-class layout, or 272 passengers in a two-class configuration. Airbus is a consortium made up of Aerospatiale, of France, British Aerospace; Daimler-Benz of Germany, and Construcciones Aeronauticas, of Spain. Airbus Industrie's sales reached \$9.6 billion in 1995.

Shearings buyout talks

RANK ORGANISATION, the leisure group, has entered exclusive talks to sell Shearings, its coach holiday business, to a management buyout team backed by NatWest Ventures. the venture capitalist. In July Rank said it was seeking a buyer for the coach holiday business as part of plans to dispose of non-core activities. Angus Crichton-Miller, the former managing director of the holiday division, resigned from the board so that he could prepare an offer. Analysts believe the sale could raise up to £60 million.

Dudley stake sale

DUDLEY STATIONERY, the UK's largest independent office products dealer, has agreed to sell a significant minority stake to US Office Products, of Washington DC. Existing Dudley shareholders will control 51 per cent of the company. The American company is to invest £50 million by way of debt finance. The new funds will be used to fuel the expansion of Dudley Stationery by both organic growth and acquisitions. Since its inception, in October 1994, USOP has made 107 acquisitions and has annual sales of £1.6 billion.

Disposals at Bullough

BULLOUGH, the industrial holding company, is raising £10.75 million through disposals. The company is selling its Reznor industrial warm air heating business to Thomas & Betts Inc., which already owns Reznor in the United States. for about £9.75 million. In the year to October 31, 1995, operating profits were £898,000 on turnover of £13.17 million. Results for 1996 are expected to be similar. Bullough is also selling Hago Products, its consumer and industrial wire products business, for about £1 million.

Merlin cancer move

MERLIN VENTURES, the investment company recently formed by Chris Evans, the biotechnology entrepreneur, has provided £250,000 of start-up finance to develop discoveries made by scientists working for the Cancer Research Campaign. Clycacel, a company formed by Professor David Lane of the University of Dundee and Professor Allan Balmain of the University of Glasgow, is working on "a potentially revolutionary" approach to common cancer treatment.

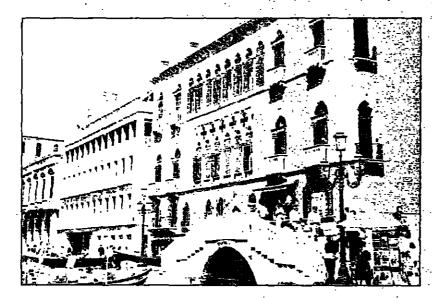
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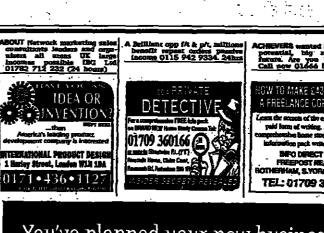
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Jennai Cox on a man putting his foot down and Rodney Hobson on a shoemaker who would love to speed up

Formula One boot sale

Paul Dooner first got a few 200 mph racing car tyres to

begin testing his go-faster boots idea

B cots resoled with old tyres and worn by roofers in Germany caught Paul Dooner's eye while working there in 1994. But it was only while watching a grand prix later in the year that his idea for the ultimate Formula One fashion accessory occurred. As Damon Hill ended this year's racing season in Japan as champion, Dodge FI boots went on sale in the UK, soled with the tyres from grand prix racing cars. To discover the fate of tyres after Formula One races, Mr Dooner contacted the organisers. They put him in touch with the head of Goodyear Racing UK, sole suppli-

them of my idea, they just laughed. But they did agree to give me a few tyres to play around with." From his garage in Battle, Sussex. Mr Dooner cut out some soles and jotted down a few designs. But with a background in selling vacuum cleaners, employment as a

ers of grand prix racing car tyres.

Mr Dooner says: "When I told

motor mechanics and in roofing, he had to invite a shoe manufacturer in Northamptonshire to create a few samples. The first batch of shoes went on sale last year at Harvey Nichols

and Selfridges in London and Kendals in Scotland, and proved popular. However, problems get-ting the soles to stick - which pushed up the price — subsequent complaints and the inability of the





Paul Dooner launched his Dodge FI boots at the Monza Grand Prix and won a prize for the most innovative new product in Formula One

Small and going blue

factory to keep up with demand control. I wanted to stay involved," meant Mr Dooner had to abandon

He says: "The boots weren't identifiable as being made with Formula One tyres. What I really needed was a massive injection of cash for a redesign and marketing. but the banks were not prepared to invest in the business."

A number of large shoe manufacturers expressed interest, but wanted a large share of the company. "It would have meant practically selling out to them and losing all

OWNERS of smaller businesses

are likely to vote true blue at the Cranfield School of Management study, which shows they believe

government policies are best for

Labour getting their backing," says a report of the survey in the school's

The 180 companies - trading for

average 50 to 60 people and with

iness. "There is little prospect of

mal Management Focus.

Mr Dooner says.

Production of the boot was put on hold and Mr Dooner went back to roofing. An eternal optimist, Mr Dooner, 33, from Charliton, southeast London, was nevertheless on the point of abandoning all hope of finding an investor when he was contacted by William Bradford, a restaurateur living in France, whose son had read about Mr Dooner's search for an investor. Mr Bradford flew over from France last May. Mr Dooner says: "I

million - rated Labour ahead in

only two of 13 areas: commitment

to Europe and the environment.

The Government was "the clear

winner in the all-important areas

of economic stability, growth, low

inflation and trustworthiness in

taxation". Only 8 per cent believed

Labour could and would control

showed him my business plan and said I needed about £250,000. After a couple of hours he said: 'Right, when do you want the money?"."

Another shoe manufacturer was chosen to produce more samples of the redesigned boot, much of which is made by hand, and the product now looks distinctively Formula One. When launched at the Monza Grand Prix last September the boot won a prize for the most innovative and original new product in For-

leather-lined, padded boots with soles tested up to 200mph by the world's greatest racing drivers will make him a rich man. But as a selfconfessed hyperactive he is not satisfied with his success so far and plans another range of boots, including some for children, to be on sale at the beginning of next

Dodge F1 boots are on sale at Shellys in London and Scotland. For a brochure, or to order, ring

relations, employment legislation, ability to cut red tape, making capital available and encouraging small businesses to invest. While not rating John Major very Government had surmounted it and would continue to do so. On highly, more than 70 per cent of owners said the present Treasury economic growth, 65 per cent thought the Government would do and Trade and Industry ministers better and almost three quarters were the best for Britain. Only 20 believed the Tories would create a per cent believed Labour could do

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from overcapacity, Bill Bird finds he cannot get enough shoemakers to keep up with demand — and he charges more than £300, plus VAT, for a single pair (Rodney Hobson writes).

Mr Bird even finds that clients are prepared to travel hundreds of miles to have their feet measured at his workshop at Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, or at his London shoe clinic.

Bill Bird Shoes provides footwear for people with unusual sizes: very large, very small, very broad or very narrow. As shoes are made to measure, they can suit people with bunions or fallen arches, those with medical problems, or who have been in an accident and those with one foot

Mr Bird says: "We are over-whelmed with work and my main — and most desperate — problem is that I simply cannot find the skilled craftsmen or women that I need. Nor can I find young people who want to be trained."

He has been a shoemaker for 18 years and started his own business 19 years ago. He employs three other people, his turnover has risen to £80,000 and he reckons he could double the output if he could find two or three other workers.

The company has 600 clients

and they pay about £500 for the first pair of shoes. Mr Bird says: "The majority of them have orthopaedic problems and I have specialised in understanding and catering for their needs. They come not only because we make shoes that fit, but also because our shoes are more light and stylish than special-needs footwear usual-

Subsequent pairs cost £320-£450, as output is only about one shoe per employee per week. Mr tomers are prepared to go without something special, such as a holiday. On average people spend 1500 a year on a variety of things they don't really need and they can change their priorities around. When it is a choice of being able to walk or not walking, you find the

He says: "Shoemaking is a highly skilled craft, taking several specialised trades to make each part of the shoe. They are skills that will soon be lost forever because most craftsmen shoemakers are now in their 70s and 80s.

"I am only 45. I want to hand on these skills and I want to employ people who already have them. Although they are in danger of being lost, they are not old-fashioned, nor quaint, nor obsolete. They are very ancient skills that are increasingly in demand today."



Bill Bird, left, wants to pass on his skills to apprentices like Ken Burt

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West End set for a sparkling sale

From Baskerville to Izaak Walton, you should find an antique book to suit you at Chelsea, says Jim McCue

now in its sixth year, will be held at the Cheisea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London, SW3 on Friday and Saturday this week and may be a good place to begin the Christmas browsing.

The way to approach a book fair is not with a list of books that you hope to find and buy. nor even with a budget, but with an interested eye. There will always be something you have never seen before, a surprise, a book you have not heard of, or something you had given up hope of finding. ir Just looking at books and handling them is a way of learning about the people who wrote, made and owned them, even if you do not buy. Not everyone, after all, has room for the 24-volume Nonesuch Dickens (£5,000 from

Broadhursts). tr The variety of books is premarkable, from what the trade calls "roast beef" -et classic literature, library edipi tions, leather-bound sets - to modern novels, erotica, gardening, travel and every other

So do not go looking for things; just go looking. Serendipity will provide. And when it does, you will know what to buy, even if you had no idea. recently bought an extraordinary book about a Renaissance pattern maker, beautifully printed with colour specimens at the Royal College of Art and bound in "Jacquard

'Among the l6thcentury books is the first history of Wales'

woven" gold cloth. I could never have expected that, or imagined it, and I have yet to decide whether it is hideous.

The famous books, such as The Jungle Book and The Second Jungle Book, offered together by Elizabeth Gant, are never going to be overlooked or underpriced (£1,000, bound by Bayntun's). But because no dealer can know every book, even in a limited field, there are always bargains for the buyer with more specialist knowledge - or a bit

of luck. Last year I bought a copy of Death of a Naturalist. Seamus Heaney's first book. jacket. It is the second impression (which saved me £100 or so), but is signed and dated by the poet, who, to my gratifica-tion, won a Nobel prize shortly afterwards. The earliest books, printed

before 1501, are known as incunabula, from the Latin cunae, cradle. yet they are anything but immature. The first printers had to live up to the standards of the old scribes and illuminators, and produced some of the most magnificent of all books. The Gutenberg Bible of 1455 is the earliest substantial printed book, and is regarded as perhaps the greatest of all (if there is one at Chelsea, it's a facsimile). Among the loth-century books at Chelsea will be the first winted history of be the first printed history of Wales, Powel's History of Cambria, Now called Wales. in the original vellum binding. This will be on the stand of Dylan's Bookstore, which also has a series of letters from Dylan Thomas to his parents.

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Oscar Berger's pencil caricature of Churchill is offered at Chelsea by Chas J. Sawyer (£1,250); while Bernard Shapero has an 1836 first edition History of the Indian Tribes of North America (£40,000), with coloured paintings tions of Jane Austen's Emma. £4,500 (Jarndyce) or £4,250 (Graham York) — condition is everything. For the serious fetishist, there is a copy of T. Watson Grieg's Ladies Old-Fashioned Shoes, 1885, at just £2,500 (Biltcliffe). The

Petersfield Bookshop will have the rare second edition of Izaak Walton's Compleat Angler, 1627, and Nigel Traylen will have a first of Mrs Beeton. But I shall be looking out for

Snips from pages of the past

A book fair is a peaceful place to buy presents, and they need not be expensive.
At Chelsea, for exam-

ple for £20 you can pick up the Victorian Helping the Travelers: Knitting Patterns to keep. Deep Sea Fishermen with a redoubtable old knitter on the cover. On the same lines, there is Cycling and Shooting Knickerbocker Stockings by H.P. Ryder (£125, Gresham Books).

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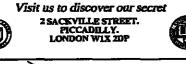
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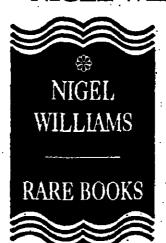


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VISUAL ART 3

... and the capital also sees some of the splendid bowls created by Claudi Casanovas



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Never call them the gentler sex

Richard Cork on the many facets of the 37 female artists on show in

the capital

ow in London, at the end of an international tour that started in Belgium last year, the all-women exhibition Inside the Visible presents a highly diverse array of 37 artists both living and dead. Celebrated reputations are reinforced, from Hannah Hoch in the 1920s to Louise Bourgeois, surely the most venerated of contemporary women artists. But less familiar names are included as well, from countries beyond the well-worn European-North American circuit, and the overall mood is far from complacent.

The selection opts for coolness and investigative intimacy, nowhere more so than in the opening section, where the female body becomes the focus of close-up scrutiny. The images are not reassuring. Claude Cahun, whose genderbending Surrealist photographs are a fascinating rediscovery of recent years, seems to change her persona at will. Bourgeois may concentrate on pregnant women in her full-length bronzes of the late 1940s, but they are thin, spectral and often paimed;

At one point, Carrie Mae Weems appears to offer consolation with her gently swollen caskets arranged on a shelf. Open them up, though, and hushed yet urgent voices are activated within the velvetlined interiors. One monologue speaks of the fall from grace in Eden, while elsewhere Martha Rosler makes sure that even the most affluent Western home is invaded by anxiety. Using photomon-tage at the height of the Vietnam War, she shows an impeccable living room giving out on to a landscape festooned with corpses. Rather older - in fact dating from the early 1940s - Charlotte Salomon's book Life? Or Theatre? is "a visual autobiography", 200 or so pages of pictures and interlinked text.

ome of the most pow erful works take the body away from the domestic scene altogether. In a blurred, jerky video and a series of colour photographs, Ana Mendieta documents the traces she has left in the countryside. They are obsessed with death. Sometimes, flowers lie scattered on the beach, like the remnants of a burial at sea. More often, expanses of earth or snow are imprinted with the outline of a reclining figure, as if the traces of a murder, suicide or accident

had been discovered there. Men scarcely make an appearance in this show. And when they do, their bodies are no less vulnerable than wornen's. In Jana Sterbak's video Condition, a man appears trapped by the cage-like structure he carries on his back. panting with futile exertion. Significantly, though, he



One of the pages from Charlotte Salomon's "visual autobiography" Life? Or Theatre!

seems more helpless than many of his female counterparts. The cut-out figure hanging on Nancy Spero's washing-line sculpture, next to assorted bras and knickers. could have seemed self-pitying. But she grins, and her air suggests that she might soon be capable of escaping from her undignified perch.

As the show proceeds, so the human presence becomes increasingly fugitive. The first space encountered upstairs is

occupied by Mona Hatoum's. Recollection, an elegiac installation where balls of brown hair are dotted across the floor. Moving gingerly through them, I found into tendrils dan gling down like threads from the

ceiling. But the tendrils did not bring me any closer to the people they evoked. On the contrary they reinforce a

The young American Ellen Gallagher also deals with absence. Scattered among the grids dominating her paintings float disembodied eyes and mouths, taken from 19thcentury stereotyped portraits of black Americans. They look at once teasing and melancholy, hinting at individuals whose existence has otherwise been forgotien.

The use of the grids in Gallagher's work can be compared with Agnes Martin's painting near by. Her pale grey grid is far more ordered and pure, refusing to rely on figurative references at all. There is a palpable tension, in this part of the show, between depiction of the observable

Vicira da Silva,

hand dissolves

everything into

webs of light and

The restless-

the other

world and the search for abstraction. Emily Carr's paintings are bursting with forms unmisidentifiable as the forests of her native Canada.

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ness of her evershifting paint-ings acts as a prelude to the final section, takes over. Sophie Taeuber-Arp celebrates vivacity at its

most exuberant in her perpet-ually looping, whirling, col-oured pencil drawings. Far sense of loss, as if these fragile wisps were all that survived of otherwise unrecorded victims. more alive than her disappointingly inert painted reliefs on the next wall, they sum up the prevailing spirit of resilience in the last room.

Disquieting forms can still be found: Eva Hesse's Addendum, a papier maché wall-sculpture painted grey, gains much of its power from the cords dangling ominously from breast-shapes to end up coiled on the floor. In general,

though, the mood of the final

section is optimistic. Meanwhile, a spare, limpid and seductive exhibition at the Lisson Gallery marks the first one person show in Britain by the distinguished Korean artist Lee Ufan. Long admired elsewhere in the world, he is surprisingly unfamiliar here. But his Zen-inspired paintings have an immediate appeal Ever since he played a major role in the Mono-ha group, a Japanese avant-garde movement that won international recognition in the late 1960s, Ufan has created an abstract world. A decade ago, the titles of his series From Wind and With Wind indicated how keenly he responded to eleforces in the outside world. But their densely crowded brushmarks have given way, in the more recent Correspondence paintings, to a radically purged approach.

surrounded by expanses of whiteness on every large canvas, where they hover and seem completely at one with each other. Harmony and stillness are generated by this charged, meditative work. Ufan's paintings are very far removed from Western ideas about representation, but there are many similarities between his work and minimalism in both Europe and

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THE name of Milein Cosman is

probably better known in the world of

Cosman has now just turned 75, and the occasion is marked by a drawing retrospective at the Belgrave Gallery, which shows her to be as acute at portraying Peter Maxwell Davies and the late Berthold Goldschmidt in the 1990s as she was at pinning down Bruno Walter and Wilhelm Furtwängler in the

Belgrave Gallery, 53 England's Lane, NW3 (0171-722 5150) until November 22

☐ AS a teacher at leading art schools from 1954 to 1986, when he retired as Professor of Painting at the Royal College, Peter de Francia has been immensely influential on generations of students, though he has taught few to draw with his own passion and preci-

AROUND THE **GALLERIES**

sion. And still, in his seventies, he does it: the new show consists of work from the past three years. The paintings still have the spiky quality and curious viewpoints which characterised his work in the 1950s.

Austin/Desmond Fine Art, Pied Bull Yard, WCI (0171-242 4443) until Novem-

☐ THE Catalan potter Claudi Casanovas is famous worldwide for making huge pieces which maintain only a notional connection with ceramics as functional objects. His enormous bowls seem always to be on the point of dissolution. You could be forgiven for vondering whether wind and water rather than the hand of man have produced these seemingly haphazard

It is therefore unexpected to find that Casanovas's latest show is disarmingly titled Teabowls. Can this most unfunctional of potters, this specialist in size. actually be confining himself to the small and exquisite form of the teabowl à la japonaise? Well, yes and no.

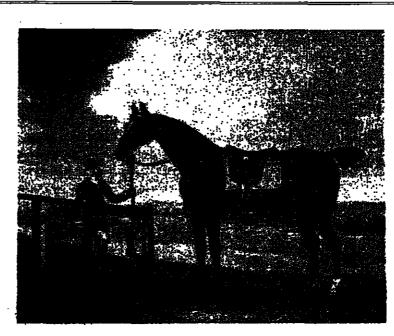
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ny play in which, just before the interval. two large green lizards waddle on to the stage and scrutinise its human occupants deserves high points for imagination. Shortly afterwards, the frightening sound of a low-flying jet causes them to bob out of sight behind a boulder. At this point in an American production a

member of the audience cried "Don't go!", and certainly these inquisitive saurians give a needed fillip to the evening.

The play is by Edward Albee and was written in his middle period, a fairly barren stretch. The programme says it won the 1974 Pulitzer Prize, which I do not want to believe because, despite the credit for eccentric invention, Albee does not seem aware enough of what he is aiming for or how to reach it.

Nancy and Charlie are on a beach, somewhere in America. She is painting the sea. jabbing her brush into the glass of water and swishing it across the paper. She has no truck with the words her husband will later offer: You've had a good life*. That puts it in the

past, she protests; she wants to start living now. All Charlie (Robert David MacDonald) wants to do is lie

mind drift from one piece of nothing to the next. Fat chance with Nancy (Ellen Sheean) rabbiting on about her million and one idle concerns. Albee is creating the portrait of a marriage that has not yet gone entirely stale but is certainly less creamy than before. However, he is not alert to the dividing line between an irri-

tating wife and an irritating THEATRE character. Sheean gives too forward a perfor-Seascape mance, loud and Citizens', visibly attentive, where someone Glasgow married 30 years

would not be bothered to do this all the time. As if in compensation, Mac-Donald (who also directs) plays as if Charlie is in a state of terminal weariness, although the childhood holidays when he trained himself to sit underwater are recalled with a briefly passionate sense of wonder and regret.

Then the lizards, Leslie and Sarah, appear. In their paintdrip costume, fine tails and sensational make-up (the smeared red mouth a particularly good touch), they peer and prod the human beings. who have rolled on to their backs to look submissive. The play improves greatly from now on, as Charlie explains evolution to them and they put



Lounging with the lizards: (from left) Lise Stevenson, Paul Albertson and Ellen Sheean

their green feet on the first rung of the ladder that leads ahead to jet fighters and marital discontent.

The angular movements of Paul Albertson and Lise Ste- Hot. The play has not the feel

venson are both convincing and captivating, and I enjoyed hearing Albertson's strained voice, like Tony Curtis courting Monroe in Some Like It

of a finished work but there is a strange charm about it that will probably keep its memory

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERTS: Gardiner gives the Dutch some stick; plus more from the American mavericks

Cleopatra with needle

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THE discovery of Shakespeare "struck me like a thunderbolt", wrote Berlioz. No less a reaction will do in any performance of the composer's La Mort de Cléopatre, and Anne Sofie von Otter emanated pity and terror in her performance with the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra and John Eliot Gardiner on Sunday.

Her engagement with Berlioz is always highly charged: here, though, it had to be manipulated and maintained through a long, intense monologue in which regal dignity contains remorse, pride, hauteur, grief and despair.

Compared with the sculpted classicism of Janet Baker, von Otter's was an anguished woman of flesh and blood, in deep mourning for her life.
This is such a formidable score that

it is impossible to resist pushing an orchestra to the very limits of its virtuosity. These limits are considerable within the Royal Concertgebouw. and Gardiner certainly encouraged the orchestra to make its mark.

It had been a week of experimental chemistry: the Concertgebouw's Riccardo Chailly had conducted the London Symphony Orchestra, and now it was the turn of Gardiner to have his way with the Dutch players. Schubert's "Great" C major Symphony was the vehicle. The first movement is one of the most difficult in the repertoire to bring off convincingly, but Gardiner found its very heartbeat by offsetting a springing, steady bass line with the most supple of shifting phrasing in the higher orchestral voices. The music breathed and danced freely at last.

HILARY FINCH

Outsiders look in

American Independents South Bank

WEDNESDAY night's concert in the American Independents series offered music by one of the godfathers of the American avant-garde. Henry Cowell, and his pupils. Since these included such diverse characters as John Cage, Lou Harrison, George Gershwin and Burt Bacharach, it should have been both entertaining and illuminating. An unhelpful programme, however told us nothing about the works played

nor who was playing them (various members of the accomplished Composers Ensemble). Nor was there much pleasure to be had from most of these dreary, uninspired pieces. Cowell's own The Aeolian Harp,

Three Preludes for piano, stylishly played by Andrew Zolinsky. Three Bacharach songs at least brought the evening to a melodious close, but an arid, unstructured piece such as Cowell's Quartet Romantic had you wondering just what his distinguished pupils could have learnt from him. On Tuesday night the Nash Ensem-

ble presented two works by Charles Ives that once again raised the question of just how seriously this maverick composer wanted to be taken. The middle movement of the Piano Trio is titled Tsiaj (ie, This Scherzo is A Joke) and although initially the jokiness seems superficial, by the end the sheer density of polyrhythmic lines persuades you otherwise.

Old Yale") is a clumsy, rather tedious student skit, whose lumbering humour (if that is what it is) was faithfully transmitted by Ian Brown.

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That allows us to concentrate on the voice - and what a voice. White soul at its best, rough and crackling, and in 30 years no one, on this side of the Atlantic at least, has

matched it. Gone, too, are the overblown horn sections and massed choruses which reached their crazy, cast-ofthousands zenith on Mad

Dogs and Englishmen. For his current tour and new album Cocker has reverted to an almost unplugged format. The instruments are electric, but the six-piece band has a down-home, rootsy feel that allows Cocker's voice more space than we have heard in a long time. He describes the style as "organic" - also the title of the new

This is the showcase he has always needed, for since he does not write his own material or play an instrument, the voice and the interpretation are all-important. The understated approach of the band, which featured such longstanding Cocker stalwarts as

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Jim Keltner and Chris Stainton, also highlights the man's masterful phrasing and timing. Those qualities have not always been obvious when in the past Cocker's voice has often seemed to be in competition with the wall of noise behind him. In this subtler setting his delivery is closer to some of the great jazz vocalists rather than the ranks of rock

Cocker adroitly mixed such POP old favourites as Delta Lady, The Joe Cocker Letter and Bye Bye Blackbird with an assort-Shepherds Bush ment of songs from the new

album by the likes of Randy Newman, John Sebastian and Van Morrison. In most cases he succeeded in adding something to the originals with his smoky, impassioned vocals.

To the crowd's disappointment there was no With a Little Help From My Friends, the frenzied, flailing Woodstock performance which probably still remains Cocker's finest hour. Apparently he feels its high-octane content does not suit his current "organic" approach. Its absence was a small price to pay for hearing that voice in such a sympathetic setting and in such fine fettle.

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ing. The rain is pelting down, as it has been for several days. To make matters merrier, the opening attraction of the day's schedule is an obscure Russian silent film from 1922. The title: There is no Happiness on Earth. At times during the 15th

edition of Le Giornate del Cinema Muto, happiness certainly seemed in short supply. Six hundred film scholars. archivists, collectors and buffs had made their annual pilgrimage to Pordenone in northeast Italy, only to be faced with hour upon hour of serfs glaring through matted hair in an assortment of wooden shacks. In the Land of the Soviets, 1918-1924, the festival's main retrospective was called; and it soon became clear that whatever the achievements in revolutionary politics, these were not years of

In certain films we could see intimations of the aesthetic revolution to come. We saw some of Lev Kuleshov's famous editing experiments, which used disparate shots of faces and buildings to create the illusion of a narrative unfolding in a single spot the so-called "Kuleshov effect". But in too many cases the films' revolutionary thrust lay only in their slogans; the plot material and the techniques stayed put in the pre-revolutionary period, when film-makers wallowed in peasant misery or tsarist decadence without wishing to storm anything.

high cinematic endeavour.

Yet the Pordenone festival still served a useful purpose by hauling the material off the shelves of the Gosfilmofond archive in Moscow. What we never see we never know about. Aside from poking into Soviet cobwebs, this year's festival also revived the silent career of Herbert Brenon, an Irish-American director whose career declined once films began talking.

He was volatile in temperament, and hurled a chair at the teenaged Loretta Young in the Lon Chaney vehicle Laugh Clown Laugh (after seeing her



Shaggy dog story: the Irish-American director Herbert Brenon in 1924, during the making of a whimsical Peter Pan

of us itched to do the same). But this did not stop Brenon getting plum assignments in the Twenties with such major stars as Betty Bronson, Clara Bow or Pola Negri. In the 1913 Ivanhoe, filmed

with massed extras running round Chepstow Castle, his ambition exceeded his grasp. But he grew to be an enviably elegant director. Occasionally he had to lavish his gifts on puerile material: The Breaking Point of 1924 took the hiscuit here (munder, amnesia, brain surgery, the lot). Other times Brenon was luckier; and in two films from J.M. Barrie properties - Peter Pan and A Kiss for Cinderella — he hit a vein of delicate whimsy unusual for Hollywood in the Twenties. Peter Pan has its imperfections, but one smile from the elfin Berry Bronson

could melt the hardest audience. She is equally ingratiating as the cockney drudge dreaming of Prince Charming in A Kiss for Cinderella, a deliciously inventive fantasy film, shaded with melancholy.

The Brenon retrospective a source of daily pleasure with not a serf in sight — forced one to consider how film reputations are made or resurrected. Seventy years ago. Brenon was a big name; by the time of his death in 1954, after years of quiet retirement, only the most rabid lilm bulls remembered him. To bring Brenon back to life, two things had to happen. We needed projectable prints:

and we needed an individual or an organisation happy to show them. Brenon's saviour in part was the late historian and collector William K. Everson, who kept screening the Barrie films when others let them sit in the vaults

deteriorating. This year's Pordenone festival was rightly dedicated to Everson's memory, along with that of John Gillett, for 40 years a fount of wisdom at the British Film Institute, and Fred Junck, mayerick director of the Clixembourg Cinema-These théque. people breathed, ate and slept cinema; their passionate commit-

ment enlarged and enlivened film history for audiences worldwide, and for generations to come.

Film history also cannot be reclaimed and disseminated without the work of the world's archives. As usual, Pordenone offered the fruits of various restoration projects. For eye-popping splendour. nothing could match Joe May's weird and wonderful Das Indische Grabmal. a German epic of 1921 restored by the Munich Film Museum. Tue litm variousiy made in the talkic era: but only May's version enjoys

such startling architecture, ex-

eyes of Conrad Veidt, cast athe sadistic Maharaiah of Eschnapur, anxious to wall up his erring wife in a grand mausoleum.

Exhibits from the UCLA Film and Television Archive in Los Angeles also afforded much pleasure. We spotted future stars in *The Bright* Shawl (1923), a sluggish Cuban story brightened by earl appearances from Edward G. Robinson, Mary Astor and William Powell; a film miraculously brought back to life from two brittle, scratched surviving prints.

'e olso bixuriated in the Balinese rituals and twocolour Technicolor at Legong: A Story of the South Seas, directed and finunced in 1933 by Henri, Marquis de la Falaise, the husband of the actress Constance Bennett. This travelogue feature laced with Hollywood romance was restored with the help of the collector David Gillespie, whose British release print contained nude shots trimmed in America.

As before in Pordenone. showmanship was sometimes lacking. After the rediscovery two years ago of the American Jewish comedian Max Davidson, more shorts and a surviving feature were screened. We laughed, as usual, though Davidson's cause was hardly served by showing dim prints on a lomm projector that could not keep even a sharp

print in perfect focus. And Herbert Brenon took a bad knock on the final night when his 1926 version of Beau Geste was accompanied by the bluesy wailings of a local group, the Zero Orchestra. Still, such a precious event as Giornate del Cinema and sometimes to fail. Exploring film history should always

Back to that bar in Sicily

THE Mousetrap of the operatic stage has returned yet again to snare new and ever eager audiences. The penultimate revival of Jonathan Miller's Mafioso Rigoletto, we were told, would definitely be its last. But the Sicilian bar was filling up with the black-suited gentlemen once

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The first encounter of the Duke and Gilda still causes a frisson: the chamber-musical quality of the singing of Bonaventura Bottone

OPERA Rigoletto Coliseum

na e mobile compans out. there is now a lively counterpoint of audience reaction: from those who really are enjoying the surprise for the first time, and from those whose anticipation of this infallible production trick causes a ripple of mischievous

delight. This counterpoint is

made possible, of course,

because of that which exists on

Ritch), superb musical prepa-ration engages tightly with still minutely observed pro-

and Janice Watson maintains it throughout the scene. Still that fitful red glow of a distant cigarette burns its

way through Caro nome, sung with heart-stopping lu-cidity by Watson. And watch how chillingly that mass of individual faces in the bar turns to a single numb block as Rigoletto pleads for the return of his daughter. Peter Sidhom, taking the

title role for the first time, has total command of the stage at this point, bringing to an achingly wide crescendo the complex of emotions at which he has already hinted in his eloquent first scene. His final, awful discovery is as yet not quite timed to perfection; but this is on the whole a most sensitively paced portrayal.

The tension within Sidhom's Rigoletto is nurtured by some outstanding playing from the ENO orchestra, sharply defined by Noel Davies's urgent conducting. Bottone's unageing Duke, too, is like a coiled spring: his tenor gleams in its every indefatigable movement.

While he and Jean Rigby's dark Maddalena are old hands in this production, it is Janice Watson's first Gilda. Vocally beyond reproach, she needs only to express rather more fully in her body the yearning and vulnerability locused so eloquently in her voice. By the second or third performance (there are nine more), this could well be one of the strongest revivals of Miller's Rigoletto to date.

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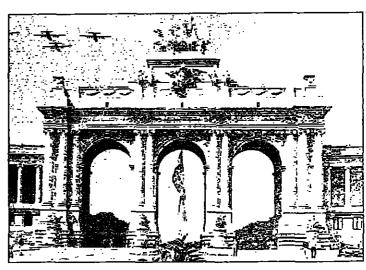


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The battle for the Bar



Healing: warned off

William Healing, who went through last year's Bar

selection process, says the system is in

obvious need of reform

on't do it," a barrister told me before I decided to try for the Bar. His advice was almost prophetic in the light of the Bar Council's attempt this autumn to introduce a better selection scheme for pupil barristers. PACH (the pupillage applica-tions clearing house) was designed to ease the annual deluge of applications by aspiring barristers. But it seems to have given all the convenience to sets of chambers, not students, and, claim critics, may have reinforced the age-

old Oxbridge bias in selection. The Bar is a popular career there were 1,800 applications this year for 850 trainee places or pupillages. Students see lucrative rewards and intellectual pursuits ahead. but a large minority enter Bar school without the required determination and in the belief that they will walk into a

pupillage (training). The Bar is still having to compete hard for the best. Undergraduates say: "If I can become a solicitor-advocate, why be a barrister?" Faced with solicitor competition in the courtroom, selection for the Bar is tougher than ever. But are the right applicants making it through pupillage and into the profession? Put another way, what gets you into the Bar, apart from hard



James and Joanna Nicholls: "Can we afford, like younger aspiring barristers, to resign ourselves to insecurity?"

ur dining room table long ago disappeared under the weight of my husband's law manuals, but we have never lost sight of our life. Ever since he began studying law part-time two years ago, my husband has stressed that our marriage - and any family we might have - would always come first. He would never "pay the final price" and jeopardise our life together, just to achieve his long-held ambition to be a

barrister. I have always trusted him and had no hesitation in supporting him in whatever way I can. My husband spent five years working in insolvency - an area containing the kind of law which most interests him - while we manoeuvred ourselves into a financial position which would enable him to return to college. The Bar is supposedly crying out for people with real commercial experience.

Earlier this year he came second in the prestigious Times Law Awards with his essay on The Future of Advocacy. The prize money was most welcome, but more important was the indication this gave of his grasp of current Bar issues. A few

without the Oxbridge keys to privileged, white elite.

work? Luck can still play a

part. Chance meetings with

barristers in a pub, street or

classroom can secure inter-

views. I know several friends

from former polytechnics who

achieved pupillage this way. They made their own luck

Discrimination still shuts

out some candidates. The As-

sociation of Women Barristers

pressured the Bar Council in

1993 to respond with a detailed

equality code, but casual and

everyday discrimination will

be harder to eliminate. Racial

discrimination seems to have

disappeared, in numerical

Of greater long-term con-

cern is the consistently poorer

pass rates for ethnic minority

students at Bar school. The

open doors.

terms at least.

Her husband's desire

to be a barrister is proving a test of will, says Joanna Nicholls

months later, he won one of the coveted Middle Temple scholarships to study at Bar school. Again, it was the encourage ment this conveyed that mattered.

His application for the new pupillage clearing scheme (PACH) was, we thought, a winner. A senior partner at a top law firm had offered to be a referee. My husband could list strong contacts at just about every City law firm and though he tried not to overplay his hand, his application looked strong.

Interviews came in. There were a couple of good second interviews and a promising mini-pupillage where the pupil master rang to praise his work. By last week, when the PACH letters with firstround offers went out, we were confident.

survey of students back-

grounds, incomes and even

how they previously pictured a typical barrister. Psycholo-

gists are inspecting the results,

but you do not need an expert

to tell you that the public

perception of barristers is of a

into discrimination found that

some black students felt "iso-

lated and financially and so-

cially handicapped". So if

some students fail on grounds

that have nothing to do with

intellectual ability or person-

ality, prejudiced Bar students

The Bar as an institution

needs to reform its recruit-

ment methods or it risks its

future independent status. The

leap from Bar school roleplaying to pupillage reality is

too large. Worse, many stu-

dents do not appreciate how

may share the blame.

The school's 1994 inquiry

Too confident? I still do not think so. The signs had been so good. Then came a letter saying my husband had received not one pupillage offer. We were dread-fully disappointed. It is not the end of the line, but it made us wonder how much

longer it is sensible to pursue this dream. When my husband began studying part-time, I was in a well-paid job. Now, freelance and expecting our first haby, my earning capacity is considerably reduced and will soon dry up. Can we afford, like younger aspiring barristers, to resign ourselves to the insecurity of mini-pupillage, once my husband has finished Bar school, in the hope of the big break? And if not, should we continue with the course at all?

There are other options; advocacy in a solicitors' firm, the employed Bar, maybe returning to his old firm. But he is a barrister to his toes - they are a breed apart from those of us who are comfortable working in a big firm, pushing paper for someone else. Deciding to climb this Everest, we now see, was the easy part. It is knowing when it is time to give up the fight which is hard.

> nority groups will need these in abundance. Bar training hits the confidence of all but the brashest.

> Those who retain from their arduous experience a fair and open mind might in future choose applicants without the prejudices which exist today. The Bar must select from a wider source if it is to survive by serving justly the people who seek the help of the law.

Stop judging people by their appearance

DAVID

ordered an Orthodox Jew to remove d his skull cap before he gave evidence in a civil trial, on the ground that the jury might otherwise think he had religious authority. The state of dress (or undress) of those who come to court, and other aspects of their demeanour, have concerned many judges over the years, usually for reasons as bad as

those which troubled the Houston judge.
The judge relied on a 1975 decision by the Court of Appeals of New York that a court could prohibit an advocate who was also a Roman Catholic priest from wearing a clerical collar when acting for a defendant in a criminal trial because "a juror might view differently statements made by a member of the clergy". But any such principle plainly has no application when what is worn in court indicates religious beliefs rather than religious authority, and when those beliefs oblige the person to keep his head covered.

Although it is easier to justify regulation of the dress of a professional advocate than of a witness, the California Court of Appeal held in 1984 that a judge has no right to refuse to allow an advocate to wear a turban in court, even when the advocate refused to confirm that he did so for religious reasons. Associate Justice Butler explained that to require a lawyer to disclose religious beliefs as a condition precedent to being allowed to represent a client in court returns us to those troubled times our ancestors fled in their search for freedom from

PANNICK QC religious oppression". Some American courts have imposed more general dress

codes. In 1981, the Court of Appeals in Washington State held that a judge was entitled to refuse to hear a litigant in person in a civil case who declined to wear a jacket and tie and insisted on wearing a shirt with an open collar. In Arkansas in 1990, a judge found a female litigant in contempt because she was not wearing a bra and her breasts were "obviously showing".

Even imitation is not necessarily any form of flattery, as demonstrated by the Chicago Seven trial in 1969, when two of the defendants came to the court wearing judicial robes. They were punished for contempt because, during a recess, one of the defendants "removed his robes, dropped them on the floor and walked all over them. Underneath the robes he was wearing a Chicago

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male prison and had a previous conviction for rape but claimed he was a woman. The trial judge refused to allow the defendant to appear in court dressed as a woman "in a frock". The Court of Appeal concluded that the judge should have made it clear that the defendant would be allowed to give evidence wearing female clothes.

Some sensible judges have recognised that parties to litigation may, for perfectly proper reasons, appear in an unusual manner. In Southwark Crown Court in September, a defendant went on trial in a bed brought into the courtroom. Because the defendant was suffering from a back injury, he lay in a bed which was raised so that he could see the proceedings. This may well be the first trial in this country in which a defendant has remained in bed, although judges have given injunctions, late at night, while dressed only in their pyjamas.

The defendant in Southwark Crown Court was unable to stand up. In 1985 the Court of Appeal decided that the Cambridge County Court was entitled to refuse to hear a litigant's claim because the litigant refused to stand while addressing the judge. The litigant explained that he had "no respect for this country or its civilisation or its courts", and so he would remain seated. After allowing the litigant to address them sitting down (so as to avoid prejudging the fundamental issues raised by his case), the judges of the Court of Appeal concluded that "if a court orders someone to stand when addressing it or giving evidence, that order is

no different from any other order of the court. It is something which has to be obeyed." There are similar cases in Canada and in the US where defendants have been punished for contempt by refusing to stand when the judge entered the courtroom.

Other than in extreme cases where the ability of the court fairly to determine the issues would be impeded, judges should allow people to come to court dressed as they please, sitting down or lying down. The risk of the appearance of bias inherent in this context is indicated by the case of the Michigan judge who was suspended from office in 1976 for 18 months for a series of injudicious decisions, including a reduction in a defendant's bail bond from \$10,000 to \$500 on condition that the defendant had "his hair cut in a fashion similar to that of the

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MARTIN MEARS, who promised to maintain a concerted opposition when he was defeated in the Law Society's presidential election this sumner, has launched his first salvo against the current incumbent. Tony Girling.

He and Robert Sayer, the former vice-president, have issued two "fact sheets" which boast the slogan "the truth, no economy, no varnish, no concealment" — about Law Society affairs.

They harangue the solicitors' indemnity fund for miscalculating this year's indemnity premiums and accuse Mr Girling of issuing disinformation over the vote on splitting the Law Society's representative and regulatory functions.

Recently they sent a private circular to members of the Law Society council in which Mr Mears mounted a personal attack against Mr Girling over the Law Society's treatment of a senior staff member.

Great refuge

REFUGE, the charity which helps battered women, needs £130,000 a year just to balance



its books. Much of it comes from fundraising and individ-ual donations. The family law department of Charles Russell — which celebrates its 25th birthday this year — is sponsoring a concert by the Medici Quartet tomorrow, at 6pm, in its offices at 8-10 New

Fetter Lane.

The concert will be followed by a reception and buffet at which Sir Nicholas Wilson. the High Court judge, will talk about the charity's work. All proceeds to Refuge. De-tails of tickets (price £60): 0171-203 5000.

Getting together IN a market that is overheat-

ing with rumours of mergers, one is finally confirmed. The Leeds-based Addleshaw Sons & Latham and Manchester's Booth & Co are merging to form Addleshaw Booth & Co. The merger, says Paul Lee, senior partner-elect of the new firm, offers a marriage of professional excellence and commercial acumen which we believe will be unparalleled in the North. But their move would be dwarfed if another rumoured merger between the

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Lord Justice Phillips left, may have found the Maxwell trial to be all-consuming, but even he was taken aback to find himself introduced at the Biennial Conference of the International Bar Association in Berlin as Lord Maxwell who presided over the Phillips trial. "I will," he quipped, "be contacting my libel lawyers

law firms Cameron Markby Hewitt, Denton Hall and McKenna & Co comes to fruition. The partners are said to be on the point of voting on whether to go ahead.

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All work . . . THE American law firm

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Improved access to justice

too rich for legal aid but too poor to go to law are now bringing daims on a "no win, no fee" basis. More than 11,000 cases have come in, the Law Society says, since the Lord Chancellor's reforms took effect last year - a turnover of 1,000 a month - and the rate is rising.

The first "no win, no fee" group action — by lung cancer victims against tobacco companies — has been announced by the law firm Leigh Day. David Hartley, of the Law Society, said: "Many of these claims - which cover the whole range of accident cases - would never have got off the ground. Many people were frightened of taking legal

"No win, no fee" work covers personal injury, insolvency and human rights cases. Solicitors charge no fees if they lose, but up to double if they win. The extra fees - the uplift - come out of the damages recouped for the client. But the extra should not exceed one quarter of the damages.

So far, only a few cases have been concluded and it is too soon to judge the success rate. Typical of those being brought is that of Maureen Falconer, 57, a part-time cleaner who tripped on a pavement and badly fractured her ankle. Although on low earnings, her capital put her beyond reach of

Simon Brennan, her solicitor, did the case on "no win, no fee" and won £6,000 compensation from Liverpool City Council. He said: "If the 'no win. no fee' scheme had not been in place, there would have come a point where costs would have escalated and if the other side hadn't settled, then the risks might have been too great to go on." Mrs Falconer accepts that she

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could not have pursued the claim all the way. "I couldn't have gone to court - I was worrying about what would happen if I had to pay all the

In fact, under the "no win, no fee" agreement, her costs were protected by insurance. And it is this involvement of the insurance industry which is proving crucial to the success of the reform.

The biggest obstacle with no win, no fee" was seen as the risk of having to pay an opponent's costs if the case was lost. Yet if someone was already deterred from legal action because of that risk how would "no win, no fee" help? But a whole new market in insurance has been unleashed by "no win, no fee". The Law Society runs its own Accident Line Protect, under which clients — for a premium of £85 -- can insure against the other side's costs and own expenses. All 2,000 solicitors who are members of its Accident Line network (a panel of approved personal injury

firms) can use the policy. The scheme is not available for other solicitors though; nor does it cover medical negligence or other kinds of claim. Also in the market is Litigation Protection Ltd, the company first out with a conditional fee insurance for all types of action allowed under the new laws. Some 500 policies have been taken out covering insolvency (a growing no win, no fee" area for company clients), medical negligence cases and

accident claims. Last month it launched a scheme with Action for Victims of Medical Accidents, which gives up to £100,000 worth of cover against an opponent's costs, own ex-penses, counsel's fees and indemnity for expert witness fees where a case is lost.

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and in hand with the burgeoning of new ventures in legal services has come brand marketing of panels or networks of solicitors which can improve access to the law for the public. One of the first was National Accident Helpline, with has about 60 personal injury firms in its group. Advertising and its free 24-hour helpline bring in 3,000 calls a month resulting in 650 new cases a month. Of these, 130 are handled on a "no win, no fee" basis.

There are still teething prob-lems, however. Paul Balen, of Freeth Cartwright, has just won a £7,500 medical negligence claim for a woman after bly justifies charging up to 100 the wrong operation was perper cent more."

It is still early days for a formed on the nerves of her verdict, but the signs are good. Lord Mackay of Clashfern has wrist. She pays a quarter of that to him as the "uplift" on his fees. But the health authorindicated that he wants to ity is jibbing at paying her Litigation Protection premium widen the scheme to other civil disputes but is awaiting the of £1,500. "We believe that first research into how it is working. Both the Law Society and Litigation Protection morally, the other side should pay." Mr Balen said. "They took an indefensible case and would welcome that "It has didn't even bother to call their greatly improved access to witnesses." The issue is awaitjustice as well as the public ing a decision. perception of the legal profes-Then there is the question of sion," Brian Raincock, managfees. Will solicitors abide by

ing director, said. Ian Pears, of Shoosmith and Harrison, Northampton, who signed up the first "no win, no fee" deal last July (and 200 others since), said: "We have helped a very large number of clients to pursue legitimate claims which they could not have otherwise afforded. We have allowed victims to knock on the doors of the court. rather than try to push open some heavy floodgates."

Are there votes in legal aid?

f the Government wants to crack down on legal aid, then you can bet that nine times out of ten, they will crack down on the wrong people." That's how one member of the public reacted to the Government's plans for the biggest shake-up in legal aid for 50 years. And new research suggests that this is a representative view.

We know from Queen's Speech that this Government won't be legislating on this subject before the election. But only the day before the Queen's Speech the Lord Chancellor, writing in The Times, recorded his commitment to the reform programme. Lord Mackay of Clashfern

has referred to "a failure of public confidence in legal aid", and its "low priority with the public". Gary Streeter, MP. Parliamentary Secretary at the Lord Chancellor's Department, demonised legal aid applicants as "state-aided rottweilers".

So is there widespread support for government ac-tion? At first. Mr Streeter suggested that opposition came only from professional vested interests: "If the Law Society is against it," he told Parliament, "it is pretty firm evidence that we are on the right track "

However, September saw the publication of a joint statement made by leading national organisations representing advice agencies and groups helping victims of injustice. The joint statement condemned the White Paper's plans as unworkable and unjust

Now, two independent re-search studies demonstrate the overwhelming public support for legal aid, and highlight opposition to the proposals in the White Paper. Even when attention was drawn to government worry about the cost of legal aid, 91 per cent of respondents in a Gallup survey agreed that "legal aid is a vital part of helping people get justice".

The public is opposed to cuts,

says Phillip Sycamore, vicepresident of the Law Society

"PLEAD? POVERTY,

Eighty-four per cent, when told of the EL4 billion cost of legal aid, agreed that 'expenditure should continue at least at current levels because justice is too important to ration". Three in five people supported an exten-sion of legal aid to cover people on middle income.

The Gallup research bears out public attitudes identified in a second, qualitative, survey involving six discussion groups. Two quotations from the qualitative study illustrate the common view. "It is tampering with a fairly fundamental human right for the sake of a relatively modest amount of money. "If they cap it, they are

changing the rules; they can't say we have run out of People questioned by Gallup were clearly against the

Government's proposal to

make unsuccessfully legally

aided litigants pay the other side's costs. The Government had suggested that legal aid was abused by people with trivial cases. This proposal was a cornerstone of their effort to save money by deterring people from using legal aid.

But the public were quick to see through the plan — 81 per cent of those in the Gallup survey agreed that it would deter people with good cases. People in the discussion groups had been shocked by this proposal, which they found "harsh and vindictive". Reactions included the following: "If you can't afford to pay before the case, and so you get legal aid, how are you

supposed to pay if you lose?" You will be frightened to go to court no matter how

strong your case is." The Gallup poll found that three out of four people believed mistakenly that there are currently no controls over trivial cases. Only a minority were aware that there are checks on whether a case was winnable or whether what people hoped to gain was worthwhile although both are part of the legal aid scheme.

Unsurprisingly, therefore, a small majority thought that that an initial fee, as proposed by the Govern-ment, should be paid by the legally aided litigant. But a similar number thought that even £10 to £20 would be too much for someone on social security or a pensioner.

The Lord Chancellor has spoken frequently of the need to restore public confi-dence in legal aid. If he is guided by the findings of this research, he will change his approach. The public have not been taken in by scare stories, and they still believe in legal aid's vital role in society.

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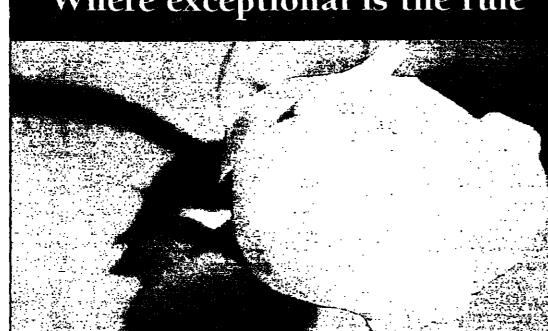
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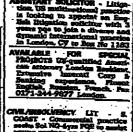
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Stevens raises his whip to celebrate the memorable victory of Donna Viola, trained by Wall in Newmarket, in the Yellow Ribbon Stakes at Santa Anita, California

Donna Viola ties up Yellow Ribbon

By JULIAN MUSCAT

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> CHRIS WALL, the Newmarket trainer, pulled off a stunning victory in California late on Sunday when he saddled Donna Viola to win the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, among the most important events for turf fillies in the American racing calendar, at Santa Anita.

Ridden by Gary Stevens, Donna Viola finished fast and late to defeat the locally-trained Real Connections by half a length to provide Wall, 37, with his biggest success in ten seasons with a licence. Timarida, the globe-trotting Irish filly, was with-drawn from the field after running a temperature on her arrival.

"It was a huge thrill," Wall said from California yesterday. "I've won the Italian 2,000 Guineas with Candy Glen but this is the highlight of my career." Donna Viola's earnings of

\$360,000 (about £220,000) effectively doubled Wall's prize-money haul for the 1996 season in Europe. She also recorded her trainer's nineteenth win of the year, which advanced by one his previous best total.

However, the four-year-old filly has now left Wall's stable to join-the Californian string of Ben Cecil, nephew of Henry. In a deal negotiated by bloodstock agent Andy Smith, Donna Viola was sold to Londonbased broker Gary Tanaka after her victory in the Prix de l'Opera at

Longchamp last month. Wall indicated that the prizemoney won by Donna Viola did not redeem Tanaka's outlay, but there is no doubting she would fetch considerably more on the market now. Wall had never before encountered Tanaka, who annually purchases two or three high-class European horses for export to California.

"I met Mr Tanaka for the first time when we had lunch on Saturday," Wall said. "He has some good horses with Ben, whom I knew when he worked in Newmarket. Now it's up to Ben to carry on the good work." After a slow start, Cecil's West Coast stable

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has flourished. He took up the reins earlier this year on the sudden death of Rodney Rash, to whom he had been assistant

Donna Viola's dismissal of the top American turf fillies rounded off a particularly successful autumn for British-trained horses abroad. The filly was herself one of five British group winners at Longchamp on Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend. More recently. Pilsudski annexed the Breeders' Cup Turf and Wandering Star the E. P. Taylor Stakes, both at Woodbine, in Toronto.

Ironically, Donna Viola would have contested the E. P. Taylor had she not changed hands after winning the Prix de l'Opera last month. Before the deal we had to think of the shipping costs," Wall explained. "It would have been far less expensive to join the European challenge for the Breeders' Cup meeting in Toronto. As it was, Mr Tanaka had to pay \$15,000 to supplement Donna Viola for the Yellow Ribbon."

With 35 horses, Wall is some way removed from the might of the bigger stables. Yet in winning the grade one prize, Donna Viola succeeded where the likes of Barathea, Dancing Brave. Ezzoud, Milligram, Opera House, Sayvedati and Sonic Lady failed. They were among British-trained horses routed in the four Breeders' Cups staged in California.
"We were lucky with the weather,"

Wall suggested. We flew from a mild autumn back home to a period of cool weather in California. We would have had more problems had we travelled from a frost-bitten Newmarket to a temperature in the mid-80s, which is the average in California at this time of year."

Closer to home, the David Nicholson-trained five-year-old Castle Sweep has been installed the 9-4 favourite with Coral for the £20,000added Tote Silver Trophy Handicap Hurdle over 212 miles at Chepstow on Saturday. A field of 20 was nominated at yesterday's six-day entry stage.



RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market r**GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES** Present Arms 6-1 7-1 7-1 8-1 Clifton Fox 12-1 [12-1 [10-1 [11-1 Zeralaska Arabian Story Dato Star 12-1 | 14-1 | 12-1 | 12-1 16-1 14-1 14-1 20-1 Dreams End Flamanda 16-1 114-1 14-1 116-1 Snow Princess 12-1 14-1 12-1 20-1 16-1 14-1 14-1 16-1 Wild Rita 14-1 14-1 14-1 16-1 Better Offer 20-1 16-1 20-1 20-1 Although the Flat turf season stumbles to an inauspicious end at Folkestone on Monday, Doncaster provides the final race of any substance with the Tote Credit November Underland as Schriftets. Handicap on Saturday.
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Lord Huntingdon saddled Snow Princess to win this last year and she figures among his four entries this time. However, his best chance may lie with Arabian Story. This lightly-raced three-year-old has once from strength to three-year-old has gone from strength to strength since winning a minor event at Windsor in July and underlined his prospects

when second to Willie Conquer at Newmarket last time. However, he is unproven on soft ground and is not worth risking at this stage. With plenty of rain forecast, conditions should be perfect for Dato Star. He was unlucky in running when second last year on unsuite fast ground, and enjoys a 21lb pull in the weights with Snow Princess. He travelled until lack of a recent run took its toll on his reappearance at Nottingham 12 days ago, and should be spot on now. At 14-1 with Hills, DATO STAR can win this on his way to a successful hurdling campaign.

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YESTERDAYS RESULTS

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1.55 (3m ch) 1, Bilistrook (K Johnson, 14-1); 2, Bold Account (11-8); 3, Trickle Lad (5-4 fay) 6 ran NFr Strongelong, 8, 2 R Brews, Tote £15-40, £2.00, £1 30, DF: £14 30, CSF: £32 24 2.25 (2m 4i holie) 1, Starr's Your Man (G Cahili, 7-1); 2, Shanavogh (4-9 kw); 3, Leap in The Dark (14-1), 9 ran, 341, 41 Mrs

2.55 (3m ch) 1, Aly Daley (N Williamson, 6-1); 2, Ceilidh Boy (14-1); 3, Strong Deal (4-1) All's Albi 9-4 Iav, 7 ran ¾1, 127 J Howard Johnson Tote: E590, £2.70, £4.80. DF; £38.50. CSF; £87 11 \$.25 (2m hole) 1, Torn Brodie (N Williamson, 7-4 tsv); 2, Done Well (3-1); 3, Bures (8-1), 5 ran, 1 ½1, ¾1 J Howard Johnson, Tote: 52.20; 52.50, 51.10 DF: 54.20, CSF: 57.21.

2.55 (2m 110)d ch) 1, Blazing Dawn (Miss P Robson, 4-1), 2, Thunderstruck (\$-2); 3, Vicandge (9-4 tay) 5 ran. 4l, 7l, J Hubbuck Tote: 24.30; £2.30, £1.20 DF £3.70 CSF: £13.35. Placepot: £49.60. Quadpot: £17.80.

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1.85 (2m 4l indie) 1, Bayerd (J Osborne,
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Step (8-1) Bella Sadona 6-4 lav 7 ran NR
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Egerton, Tote 214 90. (107 18.20 CSF. 1085.) 2.05 (2m 11 hdie) 1. Minster's Maciam (1 Descombe, 9-4 lav): 2. Rechael's Oven (5-2); 3. Breat (14-1) 7 nan Dist. 30. J Neville Tota: £2.80. 52.20. £2.70. DF-£5.00. CSF: £8.20. No bid

25 00. CSF: 83 20. No bid 2.35 (2m 5t ch) 1, Beau Babillard (A P McCoy, 4-1); 2, Zambesi Spira (15-8 iav); 3, Mr Mati (16-1), 6 ran. NR: Beatson, Comedy Road 2, dist, P Micholis, Tota: \$4 10; \$3 00. £1 60 DF \$8.90. CSF: £12.55. Tincast: £102.15 212.05 (Intaat: 10.2.15) 3.05 (2m 1) Indie) 1, Sallep (T Descombe, 7-2); 2, Shift Agein (9-4 txr); 3, Zacaroon (20-1), 8 ran. NP: Gionana, Resist The Force, Tornal, 21, dist R Hodges, Toto-C3.40; C1.10, £1.50, £2.30 DF 15.20 Time 53.70, CSF: £11.32

3,35 (2m ch) 1, Uncle Bert (D Fortt, 5-2), 2, Coolteen Hero (4-1); 3, James The First (4-5 lay), 4 ran. 5l, sh hd, G McCount Tote. £4.00. DF: £11.50. CSF: £10.80. 24.00. DF: (11.50. CSF* 21.00).
4.05 (2m. 41. holls) 1. Fawley Flyer (R. Dunerooty, 2-1. tsv1; 2. Titan Empress (11-4); 3. Country Store (3-1) Gran NR* Mr Flutts, Soloman Springs 88, dist. W G M Turner, Tota: 12.70, 21.70, 12.10 DF: 23.90. CSF: (7.78. Tifcast: £13.74

Placepot: \$58,10. Quadpot: \$19.10. Southwell

Going: standard
12.45 (1m) 1, Gliddy (N Kennedy, 8-1): 2,
Isancira (12-1); 3, Lady Silk (16-1); 4, Pc's
Cruiser (7-1) Hollowey Melody 5-1 fav 16
ran. 94, 5, J. Heltheriton. Tote: £12.50; £2.50, £3.10, £2.50, £1.50 DF. £75.90
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1.15 (£) 1, Miss Offiset (J Weaver, 8-1): 2. The Barnsiey Bolle (B-1): 3, Mactrina (7-2 lav). 15 ran. NR: Marino Street. 44, 1% i M. Johnston. Tole: £7: 10, £7.00, £2.00. DF: £3: 10. Tric: £96: 10 CSF: £77.99. Tricast: £287.56.

1.45 (1m 8f) 1, Onefourseven (Mes Diana Jones, 5-4 lav); 2, Stelled (7-1): 3, Golden Harder (14-1): 14 ran. NR: Kafahate 3W; 31, JEyns. Tole: £2.20; £1.30; £2.40; £3.50 DF: £9: 10. Tric: £96: 20 CSF: £12.41 Tricest: £96: 30.

2.15 (1m) 1, Bonnie Lessie (D McKeoun, 2-1); 2, Zogry's Viols (5-1); 3, Wesley's Lad (12-1) Pinepsody in White Evens law 9 ran. 10, 31, C Thornton, Tole: 23,50; 51 90, 52 10, 84,40 DF 65,30, Trio: £20,10, CSF-£13,17.

£13 17.

2.45 (1m 3f) 1, No Submission (A Cultiana, 16-1); 2, Arc Of The Diver (10-1); 3, Intimesam (16-1); Lapu-Lagu 3-1 (au. 18 ren. Nc. 2). D Chapman, Tote: £20.10; C1.30, £3.20, £5.00 DF: £73.50. Trio: £347.40 (pear won, pool of £352.34 carried forward to 3.35 at Redicar today). CSF: £175.11

\$175.11

3.15 (87) 1. Naughty Pistol (J. F. Egan, 11-2): 2. Shon Ledger (5-1 fex), 3. Bold Aristocrat (11-2), 4. Homeyhall (33-1), 16 rsn. 13(, 1):4. Pisvans, Tole \$10.70, \$3.10, \$2.00, \$2.100, \$7.00, \$0.700, \$0.700, \$1.00, \$1 245,90 CSF 254 40, fraces 1156 for 14-1); 2, Slightly Oliver (7-2); 3, Girny Wossensome (8-1), Night Chorus 5-4 fav 13 ran, Nit, 71 M Johnston, Tote: 224.10; 23-90, 51.80, 52.80, DF: 256.10, Trio: 1100.50 CSF: 256.95, No bad. EIULDU CAST: ERBISS, NO DIC.
4.15 (Im) 1, Desert Zons (S Sanders, 11-2
1-tav); 2, Domano Flyer (11-2 (1-tav); 3,
Zahran (8-1); 4, Pleasure Tinck (20-1); Ya
Marhabé 11-2 p-lav, 16 (an. 34, 2 kč. J J.
Hanis, 100s: £8.50; £2.30; £2.10; £2.10,
£3.00. DF: £29.00 Two: £55.80; CSF.
£40.23, Tincast £198.75.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £20,826.61 carried forward to Redcar today).

Placepot: £386.80. Quedpot: £71,90.

EXETER

THUNDERER 1.15 Lake Karlba, 1.45 Home Cookin', 2.15 Nakir, 2.45 French Buck, 3.15 Fools Errand, 3.45 Out Ranking, 4.15 Potter's Gale.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

1.15 WILLIAM HILL CREDIT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,826: 2m 1f 110yd) (17 runners) 1 30-1 LAKE KARBA 31 (6) P Nicholis 5-11-5 ... A P McCoy (
2 11 MSTER RM 7 (0) F/G) N Tenston-Davies 4-11-5 C Llewstyn 1
3 410/ CREDO BDY 605 (5) K Beltop 7-10-12 ... S Barrough 4
311/ DANTES CANALER 577 (F.S) D Gandris 6-10-12 R Dannocody 5
5 060/ COJ DE PRANCE 577 P Richers 6-10-12 ... S Fox 6
6 RP-P HOLD THE FORT 10 A Burn 5-10-12 ... D Kaverage (5) 7
7 D- TT'S A GBU 296 J GRider 7-10-72 ... LAppel (3) 8
3 71-11 MARSPANIS MARDINES 7 (5) N Charge 5-10-12 ... M A Filteration 7 0- 11 S A LEWY 2004 J CHRON 7-10-12 ... Aspent 3)

8 21-U MARCH WIS MARCKUS 7 (S) N Chance \$-10-12 ... M A Riggestid —

9 56-P PARADE RACER 22 P Alexphy \$-10-12 ... M A Riggestid —

10 03-4 RHYTHM AMD BLIES 10 R buckter 6-10-12 ... 8 Powed 71

11 ROSS DANCER 745F J Moore 4-10-12 ... 9 D Learly —

12 00/3 SARR 20 R Baker 5-10-12 ... D Learly —

13 0 SAXON MED 37 P Hobbs 6-10-12 ... A Magner e

14 -P00 SOLO VOLUMES 9 H Bowsed 7-10-12 ... MR II. Jefford 80

15 2 DEVEN PEASANT 22 L Control 4-10-7 ... MR J. Jefford 80

16 RLCH 1184F P Marchy 5-10-7 ... B Fernion —

17 0-GENTLE SPEEZE 250 3 Enfort 4-10-7 ... P Hode —

9-4 Dentes Cavatier, 5-2 Lake Keriba, 7-2 Mister Fam 5-1 Mainthing Marquis, 10-1 Denon Pessani, 20-1 Rhythm And Blues, 25-1 others 1.45 william Hill Lucky Choice Juvenile Movices selling Hurdle (£1,859: 2m 11 110yd) (9)

7-4 Stone Island, 3-1 Bryanston Stoors, 9-2 Home Cooken, 6-1 Dramptic Act, 8-1 Blossom Dearle, 12-1 Flash in The Pan, Pawlion, 16-1 others 2.15 WILLIAM HILL HALDON GOLD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Grade II: Ilmiled handicap: £17.986 2m 1f 110yd) (6) 1 UI-1 COULTON 9 (D.F.G.S) 0 Sheemood 9-11-10 ... J Calcome 98 2 243 - TRAVADO 208 (D.F.G.S) N Henderson 10-11-0 M A Properate 59 3 300M A NAISY 196 (D.S.S) 0 Michaston 8-10-7 ... A Magune 4 152- ABSALOM'S LADY 189 (C.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1997) 1997 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1997) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) Mas 6 Reteave 8-10-7 (D. Rudmante et al. 1998) 1998 (D.F.G.S) 1998 (D.F.G 5 11P- TERAO 237 (C.S) M Pipe 10-10-7. A P McCay 85 8 RNU- PARSETRLEY PLACE 206 (C.6.5) N 1-Davies 8-10-7 C Licensiyo 60

15-8 Coulton, 9-4 Natur. 5-2 Transpire, 10-1 Terato 14-1 Abstatom's Lady, 20-1 Printerley Place. COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANCES: Mess H Korght. 29 winners from 83 names. 34.9%, 0 Sherwood, 5 from 18, 27.8%, N Handerson, 6 from 22, 27.3%, M Proe, 72 from 265, 27.1%, A Dunn, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Distorna. 20 witners from 68 rides, 39.4%; R Davenouty. 31 from 130, 23.6%, D Bridgester, 20 from 88, 22.7%, A P McCoy, 16 from 83, 19.3%; P HoSey, 11 from 61, 18.0%.

WARWICK

THUNDERER 1.25 Highly Charming. 1.55 Amancio. 2.25 Wan-stead. 2.55 Little Hooligan. 3.25 Mine's An Ace. 3.55

Going: Good to Firm

1.25 JOHN PYM MOVICES HURDLE (£2,478: 2m) (16 runners)

9-4 Hay Dance. 5-1 Chickenicla. 6-1 Tungsien. 7-1 Leburusin Gold 8-1 Design. 10-1 Highly Chartesing, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: 6 Hawood, 3 wanners from 9 funners, 33 3%, N Sacales, 9 from 37, 24,3%, N Herderson, 10 from 42, 23 8%; O Shermood, 8 from 57, 21,6%; Mrs J Pitman, 14 from 56, 21.2% JOCKEYS: C. Wyer, 4 minutes from 14 rudes, 28,6%, N Williamson, 11 from 55, 20,0%, R Johnson, 5 from 30, 16,7%, J Nazaragh, 5 from 32, 15,6%, A Thomson, 4 from 28, 14,3%, G Brackey, 5 from 40, 12,5%

2.45 WILLIAM HILL DEBIT CARD NOVICES

HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,547: 2m 3f) (13) 7-2 French Buck, 4-1 Coole Hill, 5-1 Plinth, 8-1 NAVion Dancer Luke Warm, 10-1 Cracking Prospect, Allow, 12-1 others

3.15 WILLIAM HILL DEVON & EXETER HANDICAP

CHASE (£4,856: 2m 6l 110yd) (7) 1 .64 OATIS REGRETS 236 (F.S.) Miss H Araghi 9-12-0 J Osborne 97
2 113 CLASS OF RINETYTH/O 237 (F.C.S.) I Forcis 7-11-3 R Durwoody 98
2 PO-4 STAMON RINETYTH/O 237 (F.C.S.) T Forcis 7-11-3 M A Forgerate 98
4 230- HARWELL LAD 199 (CD.F.C.S.) R Ains 7-11-6 Mr R Hutsil 90
5 466- SPUIFINGTON 238 (F.S.) J Gibord 8-11-6 P Fidte 96
6 220- DOM SAMOURA 218 (B.S.) M Prop 5-11-2 J Frost 93
7 312- FOOLS ERRAND 179 (S.) 6 Balding 6-10-5 A P McCoy 🗒 9-4 Class Di Minelyhyo 7-2 Spublington, 5-1 Calis Regrets, 6-1 Harwell Lad, Fools Errand, 8-1 Dom Samoural 10-7 Staunch Rival

3.45 william fall index mares only handicap hurdle (E2,898. 2m 3f) (7) 1 1112 DUT RANKING 20 (CD.BF.F.G.S) M Pipe 4-11-13 A P McCoy 93
2 32L MARINERS MIPROR 199 (D.6.S) N Invision-Davies 9-11-3
3 P2-1 DARK NIGHTINGALE 9 (F.G.) O Sherwood 6-10-12 J Osborne 91
4 51P- SALL BY THE STARS 227 (S) 7 Forcies 7-10-12 R Durwoodly B7
5 -236 LA MENOROLUNA 10 (D.G.) D Marks 6-10-10 Sophie Mischell (S) 98
6 SUD- STAC-POLLARD 177 (F) R Basiny 6-10-2 ... J Railton 94
7 336- ROO'S PROMISS 188 C Popham 5-10-0 ... T Descombe (S) 88

7-4 Dark Nightingale. 11-4 Die Ramking. 5-1 Marmer: Mirror. 8-1 Sail by The Stars. La Mentirguma. 10-1 Star-Pollatón. 20-1 Koo's Promise 4.15 EXETER LEVY BOARD STANDARD OPEN

NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,259 2m 1 110yd) (14) NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,259 2m 11 110yd) (14)

1 213 - POTTER'S GALE 292 (f) D Nicholson 5-11-11 A Magarer
2 06/ ARE SHORELARN, 567 S Kropt 5-11-4 A F T Greed
3 CURRADUST MOLL N Twicton-Davies 5-11-4 A F Greed
5 DOLCE MOTTE 277 M Pipe 6-11-4 A P Niccoy
5 DO HALAM BELL 24W Tunner 4-11-4 P Nobley
6 JAYDEEBEE M Nactown 5-11-4 P Nobley
6 JAYDEEBEE M Nactown 5-11-4 P Nobley
7 DET YOU KNOW 549 George 6-11-4 Mr A Windle (7)
9 DET YOU KNOW 549 GEORGE 5-11-4 Mr A Niccoy
10 DISCOBERS EXPRESS 255 D Bandolds 4-11-4 R Dammoodly
11 MRS MESHT OWN 6 FORS 5-11-4 Mr A Holosworth
12 MRS STARTEAM R Foct 6-11-4 Mr A Holosworth
13 PHARMOREPUN G Balding 4-11-4 B P Fordin
14 3 SOLAR MOON 52 R Bucides 5-11-4 B Powell
5-2 Potner's Gale 3-1 Instables o Forces 5-1 Accheen 6-1 Curradus Mod. 8-5-2 Potter's Gale, 3-1 Loischberg Egoress, 5-1 Accheem, 6-1 Curradull Moll, 8-1 Doice Molle, 14-1 Soler Moom, 16-1 others

☐ John Edwards, based at Ross-On-Wye, is to close his 29-year training career in a fortnight's time. Edwards's best known winners include the dual Champion Chase winner, Pearlyman, and Little Polveir (Scottish National).

Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.55 AMANCIO.

1.55 THOMAS FAIRFAX NOVICES CHASE (£3,639: 2m) (9)

7-4 Amanco, 3-1 Kino's Cross. 7-2 Slingsby, 6-1 Brazil Or Gust. 8-1 others

2.25 EARL OF STRAFFORD NOVICES HURDLE

5-4 Dacelo, 7-2 Culcam, 5-1 Club Caribbean, 5-1 Wanslead, 14-1 Opcieno 16-1 Brown And Mild 30-1 others

2.55 EARL OF WARWICK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,011: 2m 3l) (7)

2-1 Cosa Fusir 3-1 Hullo Mary Doll, 5-1 Little Hooligan, 7-1 Royal Circus, Anlace 10-1 Desert Force, 16-1 WAR James

3.25 OLIVER CROMWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,006. 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

3 2224 DRIMSTICK 14 (D.F.G.S) k Balley 10-10-9 . C O'Dwyler 4-6 Mine's An Ace, 5-2 Man Mood, 5-1 Dranistick.

3.55 EARL OF ESSEX NOVICES HANDICAP

HURDLE (£2,303: 2m) (7) 1 1572 ALPINE MIST 10 (V.D.F.) 10 Shea 4-11-11 Michael Beaman (5)
2 54U4 BALLY PARSON 7 (F.G.) R Design 10.11-5 X Adjum (7)
3 296 PORTISCATHO 199 1, Innes 4-11-1 X Adjum (7)
4 806 FARRES FARRIMEL 245 0 Sherwood 6-11-2 JA BUCSATHO
5 2-P3 RED LIGHT 11 (N) J Lenart 4-11-1 G Bradley
6 P-36 RANGER SLOAME 10 A Sheeter 4-10-11 G Bradley
7 652 MR POPPLETON 73 R PROMERTO 7-10-0 L Harvey 3-1 Alpino farsi 7-2 Faines Farewell, 4-1 Bally Parson, 6-1 Persicative Red Light 7-1 Ranges Stoame, 10-1 Mr Poppleton.

Blinkered first time

EXETER: 1.45 Bryanston Square REDCAR, 1.36 Charmans, Daughter, 3.05 Your Med Welcome, WARWICK: 1.25 Real

Newcastle five free to play for countries

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

TO THE relief of the Scotland and Ireland team managements, Newcastle's league fixture with Rotherham on Saturday has been postponed. Thus three Scots — it would have been four but for injury to George Graham - and two Irishmen are free for international duty and what might have been a cause célébre averted had Newcastle felt obliged to withdraw them.

The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc), with the support of the Rugby Football Union, said yesterday that Newcastle's request for a postponement would be granted on the basis that International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) regulations state that preference must be given to international requirements. Gary Armstrong, Doddie Weir and Peter Walton will be available for Scotland and

DRAW

Wigton v Otley: Liverpool St Helens v Preston Grasshoppers; Leeds v Morley, Reading v Widnes: Chelterham v West Ion-super-Mare: Exeter v Kandal, Lydney v Newbury, Rosslyn Park v Esher Ties to be played on Salurday, November 23.

Scotland A on Friday and Saturday while Nick Popplewell and Ross Nesdale can join Ireland for next Tuesday's meeting with Western Samoa.

The irony here is that Eprue — and Sir John Hall, Newcastle's chairman, in particular has stated its preparedness to challenge IRFB regulations where it believes they run contrary to European civil law over player availability. In this instance the board's rules are supportive of Newcastle's case, which will come as a relief to the players involved.

However. Newcastle are not orepared to release players for against Queensland, the New Zealand Barbarians and Argentina later this month and on December 1. Two of the six named in a provisional squad last week will not be available anyway: John Bentley, the wing, was sent off on Saturday and is likely to be suspended while Richard Arnold, the No 8. needs corrective treatment on a back injury and

may be out for three months. Australia's problems multiplied only five days before the international with Scotland: such is their casualty list that they will play Dirk Williams. 35, their trainer, in the back row against Scottish Districts in Perth this evening. He will be joined by Tim Gavin, fresh off the flight from Sydney, while the other two replacements. Adam Magro and Owen Finegan, are pressed straight into action.

Robert Jones, the former Wales and British Isles scrum half, faces a three-month break so that a back condition can be sorted out. Jones missed all Bristol's European Conference games and underwent the removal of a disc in his lower back last night. Meanwhile, the Anglo-

Welsh competition staggers fitfully on. Eight matches were scheduled for tonight and tomorrow but only four remain, among them tomorrow's games between Harlequins and Llanelli, and Neath and Leicester, who will field Neil Back at flanker. Back yesterday completed a sixmonth suspension imposed after he pushed Steve Lander. the match referee, to the ground at the conclusion of the Pilkington Cup final.

The draw for the fourth round of this season's cup competition, on November 23. gives Leeds a derby game at home to Morley. Wigton will also be delighted to be drawn at home, against Otley, after travelling to Birmingham, Manchester and Bridlington.

SCOTTISH DISTRICTS: G Fraser (London Insh): D Officer (Curne), P Rouse (Dundes HSFP), I Wynn (Wakefield), G Parker (Meirose); J Steels (London Scottsh), D Detterment (Meirose); ED: Wales (Michaelly), M South (Orrell), M Stewart (Northampton), D Michon (Giennthes, captani), D Burns (Boroughmus), I Billott (Hawick), A Pounthey (Northampton), M Waite (Edinburgh Academicals). AUSTRALIA XV: S Larktern: B Tune, A Magro, R Tombs, J Rott, T Wallace, G Gregan: C Blades, M Caputo, A Heam, D Williams, W Waugh or J Westorn, T Gavin, T Kefu, O Finegan



And baby makes three: Georgia Capstick sleeps on as her father, James, is reunited with his wife, Tracey

Family values prompt flying visit

James Capstick's heart belongs to Georgia as

aving arrived in Rio de Janeiro, the team on Ocean Rover acted no differently. I am sure, to the crews of many ships before them after landing in such an exotic port. For the first few days, we and the other BT Global Challenge crews drank too much, ate too well and even managed to catch up on some sleep. My mind, however, was

more than 5,000 miles away. When the initial excitement of our arrival died down, I felt quite low. I knew I was homesick and desperate to see my three-week-old daughter, Georgia, for the first time.

I couldn't wait another ten weeks until my family and I were due to be reunited in Wellington at the second stopover in New Zealand. My loyalties were divided between my own needs and those of the team on Ocean Rover.

Although we had come through the first leg with hardly a scratch, I was part of a crew whose priorities were to prepare and provision the boat for the next leg round Cape Horn and across the Southern Ocean, which promises to be far harder than the last. But my heart and mind were definitely at home with

he temporarily quits the BT Global Challenge the family in Surrey, even though I did not relish the

farewell at the end of an unscheduled visit home, plus the additional cost of another fare on an aiready stretched budget. Fortunately, my worries about abandoning ship were quickly quashed by my skip-

idea of another traumatic

per, Paul Bennett, who assured me they could manage without me. I knew that he could see that I would not be happy until I had at least Global Challenge

tried to see my family. didn't know how to

certainly not in our plans, but during a phone call home she usual and, with her normal ability to cut to the chase, simply said: "Jump on a plane and come home. We'll survive another round of goodbyes and worry about Mastercard bill later."

I then had to tackle the problem of booking a flight at the last minute and, given the tragic air crash at São Paulo the day before and the subsequent disruptions, this was no easy task. Luckily, one of our crew. Robert Bruce, speaks Portuguese and works in Rio. and he was able to pull a few strings and get me on a direct flight to London, leaving at midnight on Friday.

It all turned into a bit of a panic. I got lost en route to the airport and then I couldn't find the right office to collect my ticket, and consequently

broach the subject with was late for the flight. So it Tracey, my wife, as it was was with immense relief and a few large gin and tonics - that I eventually settled down in 12-hour trip home.

I only had hand luggage with me and was first through customs at Heathrow. emerged eagerly looking for Tracey and immediately saw my two boys. Stephen and

straight past me. Tracey had told them they were there to see off the wife of a crew-mate on her way out for the stop-over, and my arrival was totally unexpected for them. All of a sudden, I heard

Christopher shout "It's Daddy, what's he doing here?" Both the boys ran up to me and there was lots of hugging and kissing, and then I saw Tracey carrying Georgia, who, true to the descriptions I had been given in Rio, was fast asleep in her arms. It was a tearful moment for both of

Having now been at home for a few days, I wouldn't be surprised if Tracey started to get jealous because of the new "woman" in my life, who I pick up and cuddle at the slightest opportunity. She's absolutely beautiful and, when awake is all smiles. Although not quite walking or talking yet, I can already tell that she is going to be very forward for her age and very

The whole family is fit and well and my visit has recharged my batteries and enthusiasm for the next leg. And as for the farewell when I return to Rio - well, it will have been worth it.

Henman favoured by Telford draw

TIM HENMAN, the British No 1, will play a qualifier in the first round of the men's singles at the national tennis championships which start at Telford next Tuesday. Herman is expected to proceed to the semi-final without difficulty, where he is likely to meet Chris Wilkinson, the No 3, from Southampton, or Jamie Delgado, of Maidenhead. Greg Rusedski, ranked No 2, will have a tougher assignment, meeting James Fox, the fast-improving Lincoln-shire player, in the first round. He is then seeded to play the British Davis Cup player, Miles Maciagan, in the second round, and either Jeremy Bates, who is now partly retired, or

In the latest rankings issued yesterday, Henman has dropped from 25 to 28 in the ATP list. Rusedski, Henman's Davis Cup colleague, has risen one place to 53.

Liatti edges ahead

MOTOR RALLYING: Piero Liztti, of Italy, took the outright lead in the Catalonia Rally with a fast time on the outright lead in the Catalonia Rally with a fast time on the last stage of the opening day yesterday. Liatti edged ahead of the two Belgians, Bruno Thiry, in a Ford, and Freddie Loix, in a Toyota. Colin McRae, of Britain, the Italian's Subaru team-mate, made up ground to finish six seconds behind the leader in slippery conditions. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, moved up to fifth. Drivers face extremely fast stages near Tarragona today, before the closing round of the world championship ends tomorrow afternoon.

Woman cyclist banned

CYCLING: Gili Reames, who won the women's national road-race championship at 16 in 1980, has been suspended from competition for six months by the Road Time Trials Council (RTTC) following a positive dope test, revealing ephedrine, at the national 100-mile time-trial championship last July. An RTTC statement said that the evidence presented indicated that the banned drug was taken in the form of a herbal dietary supplement, containing ginseng, which claimed to produce weight loss.

Tomba makes progress

SKIING: Alberto Tomba, the Olympic and world champi-SKHNG: Alberto Tomba, the Olympic and world champion, is expected to be back on skis next month, his doctor said yesterday. Maurilio Marcacci said he had given the goahead for Tomba, who was injured during training on a glacier last month, to work out in the gym. "I think that, at the beginning of December, he should be already out on the pistes," he said. Tomba said: "These things take time, one must have patience." He is widely expected to return to racing action in Italy on December 17.

Injury rules Sidhu out

CRICKET: Navjot Sidhu, the India opening batsman, will CKICKET: Navjot Sidhu, the India opening batsman, will miss the final of the Titan Cup one-day tournament against South Africa in Bombay tomorrow. Sidhu, 33, who has only recently been recalled after serving a 50-day suspension for walking out of the tour to England, was injured during the five-run victory over Australia in Mohali on Sunday. India's most experienced batsman is likely to be replaced by Sanjay Manjrekar.

Hadley set to manage

RUGBY UNION: Adrian Hadley, the former Widnes rugby been appointed team manager of Sale. Hadley, 33, joined the Courage Clubs Championship first division club as a wing before the start of the season.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The Great Britain Under-20 team won the bronze medal in the second European Schools Championship in Cardiff in July. One of the team, Graham Hazel, was awarded the Best Defence prize for this hand.

Dealer South	- !	IME	
+1094 ♥854 +K953 +A75	#64 W #Ai VK	N +83 E +Q109 S +J52 QJ76	73
w	N	E	s
Pass Pass Pass Pass All Pass	3D 4H 5 H	Pass Pass Pass Pass	2 S (1) 4 C 4 NT (2) 6 S
Contract: Sb	: Spades b	v South, Lead: fou	r of soades

(1) Intermediate Two — a rare

bird in junior bridge. (2) Asking for aces — the response showed two.

The French declarer, Fabrice Willard, son of European Ladies Champion Sylvie Willard, drew trumps, unblocked the king of hearts, finessed the queen of diamonds and discarded the nine of clubs on the heart ace. Then he led a club to the king, and Hazel (West) ducked smoothly.

Most defenders appreciate the advantage of holding off when the king-queen-ten is in the dummy, to leave the declarer with a guess on the next round. Indeed, when the ace is taken at once, against good opposition declarer will

Willard was duly persuaded to cross to the ace of diamonds and play a club to the queen one down. Had Hazel won his ace immediately, declarer would almost certainly have made his slam by finessing the ten on the second round. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

By Philip Howard

MACRON

MAUGH

C. A relative

a. Large unit of length

b. A gladiator's trident

b. Old Irish chieftain

a. An expression of disgust

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c. A written accent

MOHO a. A nursery rhyme b. A unit of electrical resistance c. A deep hole

MACROBIOTE a. An elderly person b. Computer software c. A stage turn

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seriously consider the possibility of ace-jack doubleton. Few have the card-reading skill and nerve to duck in the "blind" position, over declarer's hand. Consequently declarers tend to place the ace onside when the king or queen holds the first round of the

section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

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By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Bronstein week

I take the opportunity of the award to David Bronstein for writing the book of the year to celebrate some of his most brilliant games. Having scored a 12-all draw against Botvinnik in the 1951 world championship (as incumbent, Botvinnik retained the title on a tie). Bronstein went on to establish himself as one of the most scintillating players of the next decade. The following game, in which a powerful grandmaster is bowled over by a sudden queen sacrifice, is characteristic of his style.

White: David Bronstein Black: Efim Geller Russian Championship

Nimzo-Indian Defence

Bb4

3 Nc3

Bxc3+ 5 bxc3 0∙0 ď5 Diagram of final position

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Bd3 12 Qxd3 0-0 Rb1 Nb6 15 Rxb7 cxd4 18 g5

19 gxt6 20 Og6

White's 20th move was a thunderbolt which annihilates Black's resistance since 20 . . . fxg6 allows mate after 21 Rxg7+ followed by Nxg6.

Parliamentary presentation

Victor Keats, the chess author, presented an antique chess set yesterday to the Houses of Parliament chess room, to replace one that was stolen last year. The presentation was hosted by Greville Janner

World youth championships

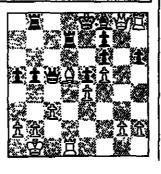
There were a number of British successes in the world youth championships that have just finished in Minorca. in the under-18 girls' section, Harriet Hunt was in a tie for first place, but was awarded the silver medal on tie-break. In the under-16 girls' section, Ruth Sheldon won the bronze medal, while in the under-16 boys' section, Karl Mah tied for first place but came fourth on tie-break.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Leko — Lendwai, Erevan Olympiad 1996. The key to this position is White's fantastic bishop on d5. How did White now make the most of the strength of this piece?



ATHLETICS NEW YORK MARATHON (282 miles): Women: 1, A Catuna (Rom) 228:18; 2, F Fiscon: (ft) 228:42; 3, J Ctepchumba (Keri) 229:38; 4, K. Johnson (US) 234:48; 5, C Malio (Fr) 2:35:31; 6, Z Dhameni (Fr) 2:35:40, 7, T Laroupe (Keri) 2:37:19; 8, G Kriteberg (Nor) 2:37:37, 9, J Peterson (US) 2:38:05; 10, G Edato (Ein) 2:40:44.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 113 Charlotte 86; Denver 88 San Antonio 79; Golden State 105 Vencouver 85; LA Lekers 91 Minnesota 85. Briningham 68.
CLASSIC COLA CUP: Chester 103 Leopards 112.

LE.AC HILL: Tour match (one day): West Indians 255-9 (B C Lara 65; B P. Julian 3-33): Australian Choket Board Chairman's XI 258-7 (Julian 96 not out, T M Moody 65; 1 R Bishop 4-44).

CRICKET

CYCLING

ROAD RACE: Surrey League (Ottershaw. 90km); 1, 5 Clunn (Sigma Sport) 2m 25min 00sec; 2, G Thomas (Team Ambrosie) at Isec; 3, J Clark (De Laure CC) at 2sec. Leading final overall positions; 1,5 Cusm 90pts; 2, G Thomas 62, 3, 8 Ecombe (Festival RC) 61. FOOTBALL

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FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 3

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BRAZELANI CHAMPIONSHIP: Juventude O.
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Botatogo 1 Vesco 2; São Paulo 5 Cricumos 3; Guaran O. Gretnio 2; Soori 3 Vitora 2; Internacional D. Atletico PR 2; Palmeras 1.
Flamengo O. Bahua 1 Portuguesa 3; Sartos 2.
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ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Estudiantes 0 River 1; Racing 1 Benfield 0, Colon 1 Huracan Contenties 1; Larius 3 San (circito 1; Deportivo Españo) 1 Girmania La Pista 2; Huracan 3 Union 0; Gimmania La Pista 2; Huracan 3 Union 0; Gimmania Jujuy 2 Ferro 2; Rosario Central 1 Newell 1; Pistense 4 Velaz 4; Boso 0 Indepediente 1.

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AND THE STATE OF THE PERSON OF Diss Town v Polton United; Haistead Town v Gorleston; Tiptnee United v Southend Manor, Aveley v Arlesey Town; Brache Sparts v Wisbech Town, Ashlord Town (Middlesey) v Burnharn Burgess Hill Town v North Leigh; Sheppey United v Metropolisan Police; Wick v Thatchern Town; Bersstead Alh v Bracknet Town; Ashlondon United v Herne Bey; Reading Town v Chathern Town, Whitstable Town v Stacle Green; Beckenham Town; v Peacehaven and Telsoomber, First Towner United v Hailisham Town; Whitehawk v Greenwich Borough; Gosport Borough v Saltash United; Chipperham Town v Arasbury Town; Trenton Town v Bidelond; Paulton Rowers v Taunton Town; Vöd Down v Bernerton Health Harlequins; Falmouth Town v Truro City; Christehurch v Mangotsfeld United; Bridgnester Town v Brockerhurst; Wirnborne Town v Beckerel United.

BRASELTON, Georgie: Serzoan World Open: Leading final scores: US unless stated; 272: F Nobio (N/2) eS, 68, 72, 68. 278: S Hoch 68, 64, 70, 74, 278: C Stader 68, 68, 70, 71: P Stewart 69, 68, 71, 70, 279: N Price (Zm) 68, 72, 70, 69 282: M Calcavechia 70, 70, 72, 70: D Love III 70, 67, 73, 72; 283: A Cabrera (Ang) 72, 70, 73, 68, 284: S Resort 73, 68, 73, 70; T Bananger 65, 70, 76, 73, 286: M McNathy (Zm) 68, 70, 77, 68; M Donald 74, 73, 68, 70; P J Cowen 71, 70, 72, 72; G Maries (GS) 69, 72, 71, 73, 286: M Gronberg (Swe) 73, 69, 71, 73; D Chopra (Swe) 69, 70, 70, 71; P Broadhard; (GS) 68, 73, 72, 73, 288: E Romero (Ang) 71, 73, 73, 71; P Heimington (Ins) 70, 72, 73, 73.

GOLF

Kirck-off 7.30 unless stated Coca-Cola Cup Third-round replay Oxford Utd v Port Vale (7.45) Vationwide League Third division

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Unibond League v FA XI (at Hyde United PC). DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Midland division: Bisson v Paget R. DR MARTENS CUP: First round, second leg: Fisher London (1) v Sudbury (2); Fleet 7 (1) v Westerbourie (0).

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Leatherhead v Hungerford. Guerdian Insurance Cup: Second round: Billericaly v Collier R (7.45); Borking: Cup: Second round: Billericaly v Collier R (7.45); S. Alberts v Avelsy; Woldingham v Toolfing and Mitcham; Yeeding v Yeovii (7.45). UNISONO LEAGUE: First division: Alberton Lin v Readblidge: First division: Alberton Lin v Readblidge Fisher v Westington; Gretna v Great Harwood; Harrogate Town v Eastwood Town. Lincoln United v Parsey Ceitic; Methods: Town v Stockstnidge PS; Netherfield v Workington Cupx Second round: First-round sealers between the second first-round seal

Workington CUR Second Teams. Frickley v Bishop Auckland.
FA CAPILSBERG VASIE First-round replay: Hudered v Bisowich Town.
AVON ResURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palece v Bristol City (at Plough Lane, 2.0).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Derby v. Birmingham (7.0); Shaffield Workinsday v Dicham (7.0); Shaffield Workinsday v Dicham (7.0); Shaffield Workinsday v Huddistrifield 16 v Wolverhampton (at Chesterfield 16 v Wolverhampton (7.0) Sandardand v Huddistrifield 16 v Wolverhampton (7.0). Shaffield 16 v Wolverhampton (7.0). Third division: Welsell v Doncaster (7.0).

e8; D Graham (Aus.) 72, 65, 68; D Stockton 65, 71, 70. Other scores: 200; H Invin 70, 69, 69; 209; G Mersh (Aus.) 65, 73, 70. 210; 1 Add (Japen) 69, 72, 69, 213; G Player (SA) 74, 70, 69, 216; B Barnea (GB) 72, 72, 71, 216; J Jacobs (GB) 69, 71, 75, 216; R Charles (NZ) 70, 74, 72; R Floyd 69, 72, 75, 217; S Hobotay (SA) 72, 76, 69, 218; A Jacobs (GB) 74, 72, 72, 226; A Palmer 73, 76, 77.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Chicago 4 Edmonton 2; St Louis 6 Delles 3; Ansheim 1 Colorado 1 (OT); Phoents 4 Montreel 4 (OT); SUPERLEAGUE: Ayr 7 Bracknet 2; Cerdiff 5 Newcasile 4 (OT); Manchester 3 Basingstoke 8, Basingstole 8.
PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 5 Kingston
7: Medway 3 Swindon 4 (OT): Peterborough
7 Teilord 4: Solihati 2 Stough 7.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:
Murrayfield 3 Castlereigh 8: Palsley 3 Pife
6: Whitley 7 Bleckburn 3.

MOTOR RALLYING CATALONIA PALLY (leading positions after first day): 1, P Lietti (R, Subaru Impreza) thr 5cmin 13eec; 2, E Thiny (Bel, Ford Escott Cosworth) at 3eec; 3, F Lob; (Bel, Toyota Celics GT4) 5: 4, C MoRea (GB, Subaru Impreza) 6: 5, T Melcinen (Fin, Mitsubarit Lamost) 35: 6, O Gornez (Sp. Renauth Lamost) 35: 6, O Gornez (Sp. Renauth Lamost) 36: 6, O Gornez (Sp. Renauth Magarre) 49, RALLYDRIVE STAGES RALLY DNorthumberland): 1, K Fuber (Sienra Cosworth) 38min 48sec; 2, S Doughly (Escort) 37:13: 3, P Gallegher (Sienra Cosworth) 38min 48sec; 2, S Doughly (Escort) 37:13: 3, P Gallegher (Sienra Cosworth) 38-13: 5, Larbey (Paugeol 205) 34:58; 2, R Witson (Escort) 38:29; 3, R Moore (Meltro 6R4) 39:25.
COSSACK ROAD RALLY (Lincolnshire): 1, G Robinson (Escort) 1:00; 2, S Pashley

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bengor City v Connah's Quay; Barry v Briton Farry; Liansantifraid v Welshpool. SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier

division: Bridgweter v Cherci; Bristol Menor Farm v Tiverton; Odd Down v Çaine. Caine.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE. Senior
Cup: Group D: Isington St Mary's v St
Margaretsbury.

MINERYA SOUTH MIDLANDS

LEAGUE: O'Brien/McKenzie Butchers
Pramler Division Cup: Hoddlesdon v
Milton Keynes; Biggleswade v Harperden; Potters Bar v Letchworth.

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Mossley. BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Wednesfield v Stoupport S. SVEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier division: Great Yar-mouth v Stowmarket Lowestoft v Woodbridge: Sudbury v Newmarket; Wrodbridge: Sudbury v Newmarket; Wrodbrid v Diss. WHOMERT VISSEN LEAGUE: First di-vision: BAT y Potermouth FN; Wimborne Town y Petersfield. FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Northsimp-

SCHOOLS MATCH: Boodle and Durzhome Cup: Second round; Wellingborough v Bradfield. RUGBY UNION

Tour matches,
Catord Univ v Western Sernor XV (3.0)
Scotlish District Select XV v Australia XV,
(at McDiarmid Park, 7.30)
ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Postponed; Pool
1A: Bridgend v Bristol. Pool 2A: DurwintyLondon, Irish. Pool 2B: Northernoten v
Canarchilly

Vauxtali Nova) 1:00; 3, P Tordoli (Vauxtali Nova) 200
CILIMENDEG RALLY (South Wates): 1, M
Williams (Escort) 2-97; 2, A Gaunt (Peugeot
205) 4-24; 3, D Quinn (Escort) 5-10.
AUTOPARTS SOLWAY STAGES (Scortand): 1, N Taylor (Stera Cosworth) 21:50;
2, S Multen (Escort) 22:14; 3, 1 Paterson
(Peugeot 205) 22:32;
PRO-TEC FLOOKBURGH STAGES (Cumbria): 1, L Berton (Escort Cosworth) 35:11;
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RACKETS

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REAL TENNIS MORETON MORRELL: National inter-club nanolicap: Doubles: Semi-finels: Hatileki

MORETON MORRELL Namona a nonlicar: Doubles: Sendificate: Hatfield (C Dean and N Loyd) bt Learnington (N and M hyde) 6-3: MCC (M Ward and S somewide) bt Moreton Moreti (A Dieley and G King) 6-3. Final: Hatfield bt MCC 8-4, Singles: Sendificate: Odord (J Matinson) bt Hampison Court (5 Farner) 6-1; Hardwick House (M Beard) bt Queen's (J Snow) 8-5, Final: Hardwick House bt Odord 8-4. Team

SNOOKER BANGKCK: World Cup: Group A: Ireland bt lostend 7-2: Northern Ireland bt New Zestend 6-3: Group B: Scotlend bt New Zestend 6-3: Group C: Group C: England bt Peldstan 6-3: Group D: Wales bt Malls 5-4.

SQUASH CAIRO: Heliopolis Dioer: Semi-limat Jaraster Khan (Paid bt A Hill (Aus) 18-9, 15-2, 15-11; D Herris (Ero) bt A Wagh (Egypol) 15-9, 15-5, 15-9, Finat. Jaraster bt Herris 15-10, 15-11, 15-13 PHADELPHAP: Prinadelphile Oper: Ment-Final: J Mootle (Brg) to S Cesseban (Bet) 15-8, 15-8, 15-8, Women: Semi-finals: M Martin (Aus) bt Living (Aus) 5-8, 9-6, 9-8; C Jackman (Eng) bt C Owens (Aus) 10-8, 7-9, 9-6, 9-6, Frinal: Jackman bt Martin 8-6, 10-8, 4-9, 9-4.

TABLE TENNIS BATH: Yasaka: Western Open: Merr. Skogles: Finet: A Cooke (Eng.) bt N Meson (Eng.) 21-9, 17-21, 21-11. Women: Singles: Finat: H Lower (Eng.) bt L Poulson (Den) 21-10, 21-11.

. TENNIS CHCAGO: Women's tournement: Final:
Novotra (C2) bl./ Capital (US) 6-4, 9-6, 9-17
TOKYO: Men's tournement: Final:
McSaroe (US) bl./ Nick (SA) 6-4, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Meet: First different Spormer Williasied O Melory Lewissers 2: Warwick Rige, 2 Resbolk Liverpool Cay 2: Tooling Aquilla 3 Leeds It; City Of Steller S Croton Sportsweetentuse C; Polonia Editor 3 Wessex 1: Women: First different Salind 2 Resbolk Divisipool City It; Shelf Wed IV Essex Estoniana 2: Astrontible Gelictord 3: Opington I; London Melony 3 Leeds IV;

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betts's Warrior spirit points way for Britain

throughout a 3-0 series defeat by New Zealand, Denis Betts was consistently Great Britain's most effective performer. The key is the company he keeps. Playing for Auckland Warriors in the Australasian competition has improved ev-

ery feature of his game. Until all Britain's players can have regular contact with the higher standards in the southern hemisphere, it is impossible to see how the gap can be narrowed

For a young raw, but willing Britain side, the past month has been a steep and often painful learning curve. No previous touring team has left New Zealand without a win of any description. From a series whitewash by Britain in 1993. New Zealand took the lesson on board and the result is the best Kiwi side for years.

The proposed world club series next year is not only an exciting concept. It can provide a solution to Britain's problem. For all the potential short-term embarrassment Christopher Irvine suggests how to close the class divide apparent against New Zealand

Australasian Super League counterparts could mean for the European clubs, the advantages of learning from the best are manifest.

New Zealand's rise is mainly down to Auckland Warriors and their two seasons in the Australasian premiership. Talented individuals have rarely been in short supply. Now they have a unifying focus. Stephen Kearney, Gene Ngamu and Sean Hoppe, who all suffered on the 1993 tour, are a different proposition now. The series has produced outstanding performers in Stacy Jones at scrum half, Syd Eru, the hooker, and John

of distinction. With the world club series scheduled before Australia tour England next October, Britain must make rapid progress to avoid a similar humiliation. Betts and Anthat matches against their drew Farrell, as captain, im-

Timu and Ruben Wiki, centres

proved their stock, and Stuart Spruce, Terry O'Connor and Paul Broadbent came to the fore, but after a comparatively untroubled ride in Papua New Guinea and Fiji, an inexperienced side wilted under the far more extreme pressures in New Zealand.

Without Gary Connolly, Jason Robinson, Paul Newlove and Shaun Edwards in the backs, the depth of talent in Britain was exposed as shallow in comparison to New Zealand, who also had their share of absentees. There is no doubting the star potential in the pack with Adrian Morley, Paul Sculthorpe and Keiron Cunningham; half back is where there is a lack of talent coming through.

Doubts persist about the enigmatic lestyn Harris at stand-off half. At centre or full back, he looks far more dangerous than when shackled by a strict game-plan at No 6. It was not bravery or commitment but sheer class that Britain lacked. Unlucky as they were in the first international, there was no doubt by the third defeat, and the biggest margin of victory by a New Zealand side, as to who were the better team.

Phil Larder's position as Britain coach was not made easy, particularly as some players were completing a 15-month season. Betts showed by his hunger what a rest from the debilitating modem-day game can do.

The party was due to arrive back in Manchester yesterday to the news that many will be appearing in specially-arranged derby matches at Christmas. For all concerned, it would be better if those games were snowed off.



Setting sights: Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman, of Liverpool, take a rest at Bisham Abbey yesterday as the England squad prepared for the World Cup qualifying tie in Georgia. Repentant Gascoigne, page 52

ACADEMY OF SPORT: JOINT BID ATTRACTS HEAVYWEIGHT BACKING

Heyford hoping to nurture winners

By DAVID MILLER

THE joint bid by Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council and the British Olympic Association (BOA) to create and manage the new British Academy of Sport at Heyford, Oxfordshire, revealed yesterday, is comprehensive.

Indeed, it might provide the incentive for Steve Redgrave to remain in Great Britain. The four-times Olympic towing gold medal-winner is considering a coaching offer from Australia for himself and his wife, who is the doctor to the Britain rowing team.

He said yesterday that possible involvement with remain in Britain, which he would prefer. The academy would be built on 145 acres of the former United States Air

Force base, close to the M40. near Bicester. The bid was launched yesterday by Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, who said it met "all the criteria of the National

Heritage prospectus".

It would occupy a single, greenfield site, as stipulated by the Government, and it is sports-led, the BOA being the agreed "in-house" man-

The Heyford group has some big commercial players on board: Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow, the Vestey Group. Southern Electric, Mars. They will raise £75 million to add to the Government's promised £100 million from

lottery funds. lion per annum from its own resources towards the £9 million annual administrative costs, which are expected to be substantially met by E8 million annual income.

Craig Reedie, the BOA chairman, is optimistic that the Heyford bid offers the right blend between private enterprise, innovation, and established elite sports management. The Oxfordshire and Cherwell councils have guaranteed permission — a critical factor, Wimpey would build 1,000 homes, including accommodation for 750 athletes, and the project would

create 1,500 jobs. "The Heyford group is happy that the management will be in the hands of sport," Reedie said. "That's a significant difference |from other bids and that is why we are

A key factor in the academy will be the involvement of the three big non-Olympic sports upon which British prestige resides, along with the Olym-pic Games: football, cricket

and rugby union.
The BOA has had lengthy discussions with all three sports concerning their long-term involvement at Heyford. It is rumoured that the FA is less than happy with its situation at Lilleshall.

Besides those organisations mentioned, Heyford would embrace Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University, the British Wheelchair Sports Foundation and Eton College, which is developing an international twokilometre rowing course.

Heyford will also be establishing purpose-built technology in the fields of medicine. coaching that will be available to every sport, avoiding repeated and expensive

EQUESTRIANISM

SNOOKER

Thailand produce television thriller

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

IN FRONT of a mammoth domestic live television audience. Thailand whitewashed the hapless United Arab Emirates 9-0 to squeeze into the quarter-finals of the World Cup here last night. No other scoreline would have guaranteed qualification for the host

country.
When England, the group C winners, could only defeat Pakistan 6-3 earlier in the day - it could have been 5-4 had Mohammed Saleh not missed a straightforward pink when he was on the verge of beating Ronnie O'Sullivan - Thailand's chances of advance-

ment appeared slim.

However, the UAE trio completely froze under pressure. Thailand dominated and, with the exception of a nailbiting eighth frame, in which Tai Pichit potted the blue to edge past Mohammed Sultan al Joker, they were never seriously challenged.

It was a day of conflicting emotions for Wales, who defeated Malta 5-4 to secure first place in group D before receiving the news that Darren Morgan, the captain, would be flying home to be with his mother, who is seriously ill. He will be replaced by Mark Bennett for the quarter-final

Thailand. Scotland boasted the best record in the round-robin phase when they displaced Canada at the head of group B with an 8-1 victory over Hong Kong. The favourites dropped only seven of 36 frames in booking a quarter-final against Northern Ireland.

Only a 6-3 defeat, or worse against New Zealand could have prevented Northern Ireland qualifying, but when Mark Canovan won the opening frame against Joe Swail, they were under pressure.

That intensified when Dene O'Kane ied Terry Murphy 55-29 in the second frame with only the last five colours remaining. Murphy, of Londonderry, laid the snooker and clears black to subdue the New Zealand challenge.

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BOWLS

Betts has been playing club rugby in New Zealand

Scots fall prey to home run

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG, whose bowling population is barely 1,000, is nevertheless brave enough to challenge the world's best bowlers each year, with the expressed intention of exposing home-grown players to competition at the highest level.

The field for the Manulife Regent International Pairs Classic, which got under way here yesterday, contains timee world champions and many more who were good enough to compete in the world championships in Adelaide in March.

The first-round success of a select Hong Kong pair against the holders of the title will undoubtedly do wonders for local morale. Willie Lai and Anthony Carstairs did not merely beat Kenny Logan and Alex Marshall, of Scotland, they overwhelmed them, and the 26-17 final score did the winners scant

The Scots, to their credit, bounced back in the floodlit evening session to defeat another local pair. Roger Tse and Tony Yiu, of the Victoria Club, 33-17. Andy Wills and Stuart

Airey, from England, won both their matches against local opposition and Jeremy Henry and Noel Graham, of Ireland, also managed two wins

CRICKET

Hollioake absorbs lesson

By Our Sports Staff

ADAM HOLLIOAKE, captain of the England A team in Australia, believes the players can draw valuable lessons from the side's nine-wicket defeat by a New South Wales XI in the opening match, in which Stuart MacGill and David Erreddings shaped 16 Dave Freedman shared to

England wickets.

To come up against two wrist spinners in the first game, particularly one of the quality of MacGill, was very difficult, considering there are not many bowlers of this type in England," Hollioake said, as the side prepared for two matches against South Australia, the Sheffield Shield champions — a one-day game romorrow and a four-day match over the weekend.

"I am glad we met wrist spin so early in the tour. Now the boys are aware of what they are up against in Australia."

Jason Gallian, who has cracked a bone in his hand, will miss tomorrow's match and Michael Vaughan, of Yorkshire, will open the innings. The Derbyshire fast bowler, Andrew Harris, is expected to play, probably at the expense of Dean Headley.

David Graveney, the touring team manager, who has withdrawn as a candidate for the chairmanship of the Eng-land selectors, believes Graham Gooch has all the qualities needed to take over from Raymond Illingworth. "Graham's status within the game is similar to that of Mike

Gatting and Ian Botham. They have been heroes as players, and the man in the street would probably see him as the best choice," Graveney said. "If the person is a respected enough individual, I think it's irrelevant whether he is still a player."

Graveney also said that there could be a role for John Barday, the former Sussex player, who managed En-gland's tour to South Africa last winter alongside Illingworth. "I share the view that it's crucial that we have some success, and they both have great qualities."

The West Indies were beaten by three wickets by an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in the opening match of their tour in Perth yesterday. The Chairman's XI romped to 258 for seven in only 42 overs after West Indies had made 256 for nine in their 50 overs.

The touring side seemed certain winners when the Chairman's XI slumped to 95 for six against Ian Bishop, but Brendon Julian, with 96 from 52 balls, and Tom Moody, with 66 from 74 balls, took a heavy toll of the slow bowlers.

SQUASH

Jackman continues to progress

CASSANDRA JACKMAN'S punishing pursuit of Michelle Martin, the former world champion, continued in the United States on Sunday when she defeated the Australian for the third time in 15 days, winning the Philadel-phia Open final 9-6, 10-8, 4-9, 9-4 (Colin McQuillan writes).

With Martin already displaced after nearly four years as world No I, by her compatriot, Sarah FitzGerald, the new world champion. Jackman's victories in the

world team championship fi-nal, the semi-finals of the Carol Weymuller and the Philadelphia Open must take her close to pushing Martin into third place on the next

Jackman, 23, from Norfolk, said: "I am benefiting so much from changing my movement patterns and some of my racket work in recent months. It is building my confidence every time I play."

England's success continued in the men's event m

Philadelphia, with Jason Nicolle, of Nottingham, beating Stephan Castellan, of Belgium, 15-9, 15-8, 15-8 in the final.

England's top-ranked man, Del Harris, of Essex, was less successful over the weekend, however, in his pursuit of Jansher Khan, the world champion from Pakistan. in the final of the Heliopolis Open in Cairo, late on Sunday night, Jansher defeated Harris, the world No 6, 15-10. 15-11, 15-13.

BASKETBALL

Leopards set for cup classic

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE Leopards, who completed the line-up for the quarter-finals of the Classic Cola National Cup with their 112-103 win over Chester Jets late on Sunday, will visit Thames Valley Tigers for a place in the last four on November 16.

The victims of an upset by Crystal Palace at the same stage last season, the Budweiser League's joint leaders advanced this time after scoring 14 successive points early in the second half at Chester. The Tigers had lost seven of their previous eight games before their one-point success over Derby Storm on Saturday.

The three other quarterfinals will take place on November 15. London Tow-ers, the holders, will hope to repeat their early-season league victory over Manchester Giants at Wembley. Sheffield Sharks, beaten finalists last year and joint league leaders, receive Leicester Riders, one of the surprise teams of the season, and Birmingham Bullets travel to Newcastle Eagles, their visitors in the league next Saturday.

By then, the Eagles will be able to call on the 6ft 3in American guard, Ralph Blalock, 22, whom they have signed from Towson State University in Baltimore.
CHARTER-FINAL DRAW: London Towers v Menchester Guants; Shetfield Sharks v Laicoster Ruears, Newcaste Eagles v Bimmigham Bullets all to be played on November 15), Thames Valley Tigers v The Leopards (November 16).

Wembley discards dressage

By JENNY MACARTHUR

tor of equestrian sports, ex-

THE Volvo World Cup dressage qualifier is to be dropped from the Horse of the Year Show programme, after only two years, as part of a restructuring of the event. Wembley Stadium Limited,

which leases the show from the British Show Jumping Association (BSJA), has decided that the dressage qualifier, the only one in Great Britain, is not popular enough, too costly and takes up too much time in an already crowded programme.
"We were disappointed that

the event did not attract more of the top riders," Jerry Heaver, the show manager, said yesterday. "As we are keen to return to only one arena next year, a lot of hard decisions have had to be taken. There are no sacred cows, something had to go - and it turned out

to be the dressage."
Ulf Bergqvist, Volvo's direc-

pressed regret at the decision. It will not be easy to find a replacement for the qualifier." he said, "but interest in dressage in Britain is on the increase - perhaps partly due to Volvo — and we hope to be back as soon as possible."

David Hunt, the chairman

of the British Horse Society's dressage group, described the Wembley provided an excellent shop-window for the sport." Wembley is now in the third

year of its seven-year lease of the show from the BSJA but is still struggling to find a winning formula.

Only 50 per cent of the total seats available were sold for this year's show and Heaver was disappointed that the pièce de résistance, the Cadre Noir, for which Weinbley paid a six-figure sum, was not as

hig a draw as expected. "There were a lot of successful things, especially the new infrastructure, but we need to take the show back to basics - and not be afraid to upset the traditionalists when we make changes." he said.

Changes proposed for next year include running the show from Monday to Saturday this year it ran from Wednesday to Sunday - and a substantial increase in the prize-money for international showjumping events in order to attract more of the leading riders from overseas.

The time-consuming national showjumping classes, a traditional part of Wembley. will also come under scrutiny. "We're trying to do a total restructuring of the sport as a whole," Heaver said, "We need to have more of a say in what goes on, right down to the qualifying events."

ICE HOCKEY

Devils forced to work overtime

will be looking for a little extra money in their pay packets this week, both of their weekend games having gone to overtime (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Against Nottingham Panthers on Saturday, only 71 seconds remained in the tenminute extra period when Ivan Matulik scored his second goal to give the Devils a 3-2 victory. On Sunday, it was Ian Cooper's second goal of the evening that proved decisive, giving Cardiff a 5-4 win over Newcastle Cobras in the fourth minute of overtime. Bracknell Bees continue to

struggle. They were beaten 3-1 at home by Manchester Storm on Saturday and 7-2 on Sunday by Ayr Scottish Eagles. Basingstoke Bison bounced back from the disappointment of elimination from the Benson and Hedges Cup with an 8-3 win in Manchester.

Peterborough Pirates, faccrowd of 1,000 to the 7-4 home

They have asked for their next three games to be postponed and it is hoped that a rescue package can be put together.

Some of the penalties assessed after the recent Nottingham-Cardiff game have been increased. Marty Yewchuk, of the Devils, is now out until the end of December. more than doubling his ninegame suspension. Mike Blaisdell, the Nottingham ing extinction, attracted a coach, has been given a two-game ban.

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Pitfalls lurk in land of the Giants



n empty stretcher lay by the door, and in the shadows a young woman rocked her. head from side to side, weeping silently. She stayed in the darkness of the tunnel while the New York Giants players thundered past her towards their locker-room and the Tannoy system blasted out Walking on Sunshine for the benefit of the fans seeping out of Giants' Stadium into the New Jersey dusk on Sunday. After 20 minutes, the

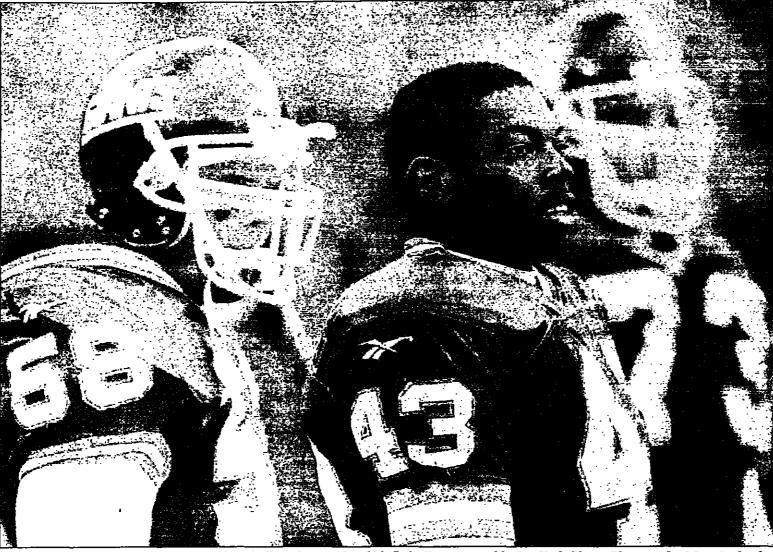
woman leapt to her feet. Tyrone Wheatley, the Giants' running back, who had been carried unconscious from the field after a jolting collision with a 6ft 3in, 20-stone member of Arizona Cardinals, staggered out of the medical room and was led gently back to his team-mates. The sobbing ceased. Wheatley only had heavy concussion. Many people. including his partner,

had feared worse. in the locker-room, the Giants were busy celebrating their lo-8 win, their second successive victory. It had lifted them off the bottom of the eastern division of the National Football Conference and taken them to within one victory of Dallas Cowboys, the winners of the Super Bowl last

The Giants' victory hardly eclipsed the recent feat of the New York Yankees baseball team. It did not even knock a Knicks' basketball win off the back pages. But it did quieten the unrest of supporters who have experienced two Super Bowl triumphs in the past ten years and who were beginning to wonder if they would ever see players of the calibre of Lawrence Taylor and Phil Simms again.

At first, there was little sympathy for Wheatley amid the boisterous aftermath of the win. As he sat, dazed, by his locker, trving protective tape off his knees, Howard Cross, the Giants' tight end. leant over him. "Wheat went night-night," he said, over and over again, laughing and pointing.

On the other side of the room, though, the smile had disappeared from the face of Percy Ellsworth. The threat of injuries and the pressure to recover quickly from them blights the National Football League (NFL), and for the Giants, who can see the bright lights of Manhattan beckoning them from across the



Ellsworth, No 43, knows that one tackle or indiscretion could end his fledgeling career with New York Giants. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Hudson River like siren songs. they are one more pitfall that has to be sidestepped.

Ellsworth, 22, a genial, articulate player from a real small town in Southampton County. Virginia. is one of the youngest players on a Giants team that is comfortably the youngest in the NFL. He says he is a "home body", someone who prefers the company of his family to endless parties.

He wants to finish his accounting degree at the end of the season and has chosen to stay in a hotel until the Giants' attempt to reach the Super Bowl ends, so he can go straight home to Virginia rather than see out the end of a year's lease on an apartment. He is not tempted by the bite out of a forbidden fruit like the Big Apple.

All around him and his young team-mates, there are high-profile examples of how things can go wrong. Michael Irvin, the Dallas wide receiver, suspended for five games for drug abuse, is one. Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers quarterback, battling to overcome addiction to painkillers. is another. It is what one former player recently called "the dark side of the game". Ellsworth, who plays at

safety — the last line of the

defence — and is being tipped for great things, has avoided problems so far. Even when things were going badly at the start of this season, his first in the NFL, when the back page of the New York Post screamed that the Giants were "Halfway to Nowhere" after a miserable first eight games, he kept things in perspective, kept himself to himself, kept out of

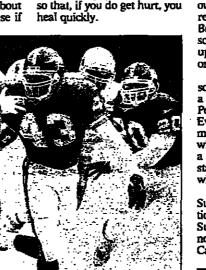
Perhaps it is because he

nearly did not make it to the NFL that he is so determined to make the most of it. In the annual pre-season college draft, he was ignored by every team and condemned to an anxious future as a free agent. a player searching for a club. The Giants gave him a chance and he has grasped it, but he knows he has committed himself to an uncertain future.

"You try not to think about injuries," he said, "because if

you do, you can't play your game. But you can't help thinking about it. It would only take one play; you could put your knee out. You could be paralysed.

"It is high impact. You're crashing into each other at full speed. You hope that God will bless you and you will not be injured. You try to put yourself in the best physical condition



Ellsworth helps his team to victory over Arizona Cardinals in New York on Sunday

"A lot of times, you play hurt. They are pretty good here about not asking you to play through pain, but there is

difference between being hurt and being injured. That's what I was always taught: everybody's hurt, but not everybody's injured.

"If you are hurting just a little bit, like you have a sprained ankle, you have to go out there for the team. If you really can't go, you can't go. But if you've just got a fever or something, you've got to give it up and play. If you don't dwell on it, you can overcome it. .

"As far as nightlife and that sort of thing goes, I know I am a New York Giant first and Percy Ellsworth second. Everything I do is under the with me, as long as I got a bed, a TV and my Sony playstation, thar's all I need. That's what pleases me."

Wheatley, by the way, spent Sunday night under observation in the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan. He is not expected to play against Carolina Panthers next week.

The Great One lends his weight to the Rangers Stanley Cup campaign

right direction. It was the

biggest game of the season."

boys, winners of the Super

Bowl last year, appear to be

sliding into mediocrity, weak-ened by their inability to

retain crucial players because

of a salary cap imposed by the

National Football League

(NFL). The Eagles have won

seven of their nine games and,

Johnson's problems, mean-

hile, continued when the

After nine games, the Cow-

Vincent reins back errant Cowboys



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from their crushing victory over the Miami Dolphins and their former coach. Jimmy Johnson, was brought to a juddering halt in Texas on Sunday (Oliver Holt writes). Another triumph was

snatched away from them by the Philadelphia Eagles in a game that could prove to be

RESULTS: Atlanta 20 Carolina 17; Baltimore 21 Cincrinati 24, Chicago 13 Tampa Bay 10, Dellas 21 Philadel-phia 31; Green Bay 28 Detroit 18; Indianapolis 19 San Diego 26; New York Giants 16 Arizona 8; Pitrsburgh 42 St Louis 6; Buffalo 38 Washington 13; Mirniasola 6 Kansas City 21, New England 42 Miami 23, Seattle 23 Houston 16; New Orleans 17 San Francisco 24

American Conference

Saturday November 9

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AWAYS: Watford, Plymouth, Fulliam, Lay-ion Orient, Slevenage

THE momentum the Dallas

Cowboys gained last week

the turning point of the season for both teams. The Cowboys were on the brink of a fine comeback win over the Eagles, who lead the

NFL DETAILS

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

SECOND DIVISION

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THIRD DIVISION

Pools panel to adjudical

Scarborough, Torquay, Wigen, Gateshead SI, Minen, Queen of the South.

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THIRD DIVISION

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National Football Conference eastern division, when Troy Aikman, the metronomic quarterback who has been responsible for so much of the Cowbovs' success in the past four years, threw an interception late in the fourth quarter.

Everyone had been expecting the decisive touchdown. Aikman's pass was picked off by James Willis, the Ea-

gles' linebacker, who passed it to Troy Vincent. Vincent ran the length of the field for a touchdown to seal a 31-21 win for Philadelphia. This was a 60-minute dog-

fight, no compassion," Vincent said. "No one expected us to win. This is a step in the

after the Washington Red-skins suffered a 38-13 hammering by the Buffalo Bills, are suddenly firm favourites to win the division. Their path to the Super-Bowl, though, is likely to be 206 126 199 176 217 256 180 202 172 181 blocked by the Green Bay Packers. Brett Favre, their quarterback, shrugged off the 1 223 134 3 179 148 4 198 218 4 179 148 5 164 216 absence of his two favourite receivers to throw four touchdown passes in the 28-18 win over the Detroit Lions, leav-(Not including lest night's match) ing them with the best record in the NFL. PF PA 211 179 205 153 186 148 140 162 127 204

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Dolphins were humbled 42-23 by the New England Patriots.

WORD-WATCHING &

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(c) An ultra deep drilling project. An abbreviation of the Mohorovicic discontinuity, an eponym of A. Mohorovicic (1857-1936) a Yugoslav seismologist, between the earth's crust and the mantle which is believed to exist at a depth of about 10-12km under the ocean beds and 40-50km under the continents.

MACROBIOTE (a) A long-liver, from the Greek makro's long + blotos living. The Thessalian mountaineers were the macrobiotes, the long-livers, par excellence, of the Roman Empire." MACRON

(c) A straight horizontal line placed over a vowel to indicate that it is long. From the Greek makron the neuter of makros long. "The different uses made of the breve, the macron, and the

(c) A near (male) connection by marriage, a brother-in-law or son-in-law. The glossaries of North and Mid Yorkshire give a sense of colleague or partner. From the Old Norse mag r son-in-law, brother-in-law, father-in-law.

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RADIO CHOICE

Over before it begins?

The Race for the White House. Radio 5 Live. 12 midnight.

Can there be anyone left who seriously doubts that the American election is over har the counting, especially now that a lending genealogist, quoted by The Times last week, revealed that the candidate with most royal genes has always won the race for the White House? Apparently, President Clinton has more of them than Mr. Dole. Radio 5 Live's team of reporters and pundits may have to clutch at straws like this to hang on to our interest during the station's coverage of the elections. The marathon broadcast begins at midnight our time and continues until six tomorrow morning. The plans are ambitious — To interview the biggest personalities in all walks of life in the United States." Can there be anyone left who seriously doubts that the American

Buru. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

I should imagine it is a safe bet to say that more than one resident of Newick and Lewes in West Sussex will be toning in to Ted Walker's short play. It was recorded in their streets during last year's Guy frawkes night celebrations, when rockets hissed and bangers did what they are supposed to do. Did they know, I wonder, that the play being recorded was about Young Nick (Simon Cook) who dressed as Old Nick was prodding fat ladies with his trident and plaguing his form leacher, who also happens to be the night's MC. But it is not all about a revengeful schoolboy's bonfire night pranks. The title as good as tells you that.

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TALK RADIO

5.00mm Early Breakfast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Raeburn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz

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CLASSIC FM

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VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Stimmer 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Fomest 2.00em Jeremy Clark

6.00am On Air, includes

9.00 Morning Collection.
Includes Grieg (Peer Gynt
Suite No 2); Totraikovsky
(1812 Overture)
10.00 Musical Encounters.
Includes G Gabrieli (O
Jubilate Deo and O Jesu Mi
Dulclasime); Elgar (The
Kingdom, Parts 2 and 3)
12.00 Composer of the Weelc
Percy Grainger. Presented
by Andrew Lyle in
conversation with Penelope
Thwaites. Includes tracks
from Salute to Percy Grainger
with Benjamin Britten

with Benjamin Britten conducting the English Chamber Orchestra and the

Chamber Orchestra and the Ambrosian Singers

1.00pm News; The BBC
Orchestras. BBC National Orchestra of Wales conductor George Hurst, Tasmin Little, violin. Mandelssohn (Overture The Hebrides, Fingal's Cave); Sibelius (Molin Concerno); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)

minor)
2.40 Ensemble (r)
3.25 The BBC Orchestres. BBC

National Orchestra of Wales, conductor Mark

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Wigglesworth, Robert Cohen,
cello, Wagnier (Prelude to Act
1 Parsital); Shostakovich
(Cello Concerto No 1);
Sibelius (Symphony No 2)
5.00 The Music Machine. Goes

5.00 The Music Machine. Go on a Vaugh Williams pilgrimage to the village church of Down Ampney, Glos and Leith Hill, Surrey 5.15 in Tune. Mair Nicolson's guest is Wayne Marshall, organist in residence at

Manchester's new Bridgewater Half, Includes Shonedkin (Concerto for Liminous; Bach (Preside and Fugue in Diminor)
Pebble Mill. Live from Birmingham, Dong-Suk Kang, violin, Rapael Wallisch, callo and David Owen Norris, piano. Three pieces composed by Brahms in the

summer of 1886, plus a specially commissioned story by Rose Tremain

9.20 Frames. Abdel Moneim Ramadan discusses and reads his work, in particular the poem which recently brought him into conflict with the authorities 9.35 The BBC Orchestras. BBC

Philharmonic, conductor Sachio Fufiolea, Martin Winter trumpet. Anutunian (Trumpet Concerto); Shostakovich Concerto); Sinoslakovich
(Symphony No 5)
10.45 Night Wayes, Richard Coles
talks to biographer John
Richardson about the second
half of Plcasso's life. In
Senegal, Lucy Duran talks to
Chelkh Lo, who will open the
London Jezz Festival in a
concert with Yousson N'Dour
at the Royal Festival Half
11.30 Composers of the Weelc
Hildegard of Blagen and
Arvo Part. Includes
Hildegard (Caritas Abundat in
Ormia and Sequentia); Part
(College on the Theme of
BACH) (1)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby
Feinweather and Campbell
Burnap review the best new
swing CDs

swing CDs 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIC 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Perferment 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Mick Rose 10.00 News; Gosling on España (FM) (5/5) 10.00 Daily Service; On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni

Murray 11.30 All in the Mind. The last of the series 12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Hoad 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One. With Sheene McDonald in London and Nick Clarke in the United

States
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping
2.00 News: Thirty Minute
Theatre: Burn. See Choice
2.30 Comparing Notes with
Brian Kay
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with
Daire Brehan. Dave Moutray,
pyrotechnics entrusiast.

pyrotechnics enthusiast, recounts his experiences of travelling the world in search of the ultimate firework

display
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope.
Paul Vaughan reads Toblas
Wolff's new rovel The Night in
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Holocaust survivors.
4.45 Short Story: Difference, b Ken Saro-Wilve. Pead by Claire Benedict
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.56

Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.20 Chambers: The Cab Rank
Rule. Clive Coleman's sitcom about the questionable
practices of a group of

barristers. Fuller-Carp wins-instant recognition when he extols the high moral standards of the Bar. With John Bird and James Fleet. (VIS) (4) JOHN DAY BING SOFTEN FROM (3/5) (1) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 File on 4, with Liz Carney 8.00 Science Now (1) 8.30 The Spirit of Place: The

Death of Miss Agatha Feekes, by Louis de Bernieres. Set in the Surrey Bernlares. Set in the Surrey village where Louis grew up feeting fescinated about one of the elderly villagers and her managarie. He imagines her lest day on earth, somewhere near Guildford

9.00 in Touch, with Peter White. With news, views and information for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weether
10.00 The World Tonight, with

sabel Hillon 10.45 Book at Bedtime Adventures in the Skin Trade, by Dylan Thomas

(2/5) 11:00 Mediumwaye, with Vincent Henna (r) 11.30 I Wes That Teenager (FM).

John Cole, the BBC's forme political editor, tells Hunter Davies about his Bellast adolescence which was marked by bombs and the blackout during the Second ... World War (2/6) (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx

12.30 The Late Book First Church of the New Millennium (7/10) 12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

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Comic-book characters without the usual Wit

t's hip to be glib in telly probably explains a lot. Exposing detective drama at the mo-shallowness is a useful thing in a ment. Blame Fitz in Cracker. In theory, you see, a sardonic hero sort-of bridges the divide between seriousness and comedy, and thus guarantees all-round entertainment. Unluckily, last night's Sharman (ITV) had taken the glib imperative too thoroughly to heart. and whenever you could visualise the stage directions on the page, they said "glib", "with glibness" or "glibly". So Clive Owen's new south London detective travelled untouched through a preposterous plot of Mafia wars, cardboard subsidiaries and multiple (boring) explosions, and all with a character so shallow that you could see through him to the tubes inside the telly. Sharman was glibness without restraint. And it was terrible. Guy Jenkin, who wrote this first episode, is better known as a comedy writer (Drop the Dead Don-

and the section of the

shallowness is a useful thing in a political satire; jokes and farcical coincidence reside happily there as well. But Sharman's plot entailed serious events such as shootings, deaths and regular balls of fire, and its intention was not - or not ostensibly - comic send-up. So it slid between stools and disappeared from view. Prohibiting the viewer's emotional involvement makes sense in a satire; but when the hero's bystander girlfriend dies in his arms and it's all his fault a bit of emotional involvement is surely a sine qua non.

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So it's fair to say I didn't like it. At 90 minutes it was interminable. vet curiously railroaded. Sharman fell in love with Jane (Samantha Janus) in less than a minute - she reciprocated, and was wasted, and that was that. All we knew about her was her job (Page Three girl) which perhaps accounted for her paper-thinness. She had a Dock-

lands flat with river views (unlikelyl, talked sexy and maternal like Sharon in EastEnders, and had slept with only two or three men. In short, she was a fantasy woman. "Is your life always like this?" she asked Sharman, breathlessly, after his car was blown up for the umpteenth time. "Yeah." he admitted. A classic comic-book exchange between rugged hero and huge-eyed dolly girl which, transposed to the screen without wit, was just an insult.

appily, Monday nights for the next four weeks L are saved from misery by The Crow Road (BBC2), a quite breathtakingly subtle and engaging adaptation of Iain Banks's novel. Directed by Gavin Millar and adapted by Bryan Elsley, this is such high-class, delicately witty stuff that watching it I nearly burst into tears of gratitude. (I had just

REVIEW Lynne

Truss

So the story concerns young Prentice McHoan (Joseph McFadden) and the mystery of his long-lost Uncle Rory (Peter Capaldi with curly long hair, like Jesus). Family is important to Prentice; memory and landscape are important too. The intense cleverness of last night's episode was that while the story hardly progressed for-ward, the narrative filled out and breathed like a novel with remem-

clearly needs to be known thoroughly, and the viewer's curiosity engaged. Well, mission accomplished on both counts there. What happened to Aunt Fiona (Stella Gonet)? What does Kenneth (Bill Paterson) mean when he says darkly that Rory "keeps in touch"? Why does Uncle Hamish pray for God's retribution on the "cheeky

wee devils of the Khmer Rouge"? Meanwhile, Prentice himself is a sweet character, funny and romantic [1] love you, Verity Walker!"). But McFadden's thick, George Robey evebrows somehow remind you that his quest is serious, and that he's a bit of a Hamlet too: the crow road is a metaphor for death. and he seeks meaning despite warnings from his pragmatic father (Paterson, brilliant as ever) that no meaning exists. All the best drama recently seems to come from Scotland: A Mug's Game,

bered scenes effortlessly laced together with humour. This family one off play Ruffian Hearts were all superb. You could watch The Crow Road just for the landscape and not be disappointed.

> ver on Channel 4, struggling as usual against bigbuck drama, plucky Cutting Edge gave us a lighthearted film about women who have married into great houses. Great House Wives it was called, and the many ambiguities of the title were all intentional. These women were great, they were housewives, they were wives to stone and slate, and so on. Each had chosen a different approach to the job: one had opted for bustling businesswoman; one for curtainmaking drudge; and one for phantom of the corridors. "You want to invest in a very energetic wife," advised David (Lord Cobbold) - and you've ever heard Brian Aldridge in The Archers talk about

his combine harvester, you will know the tone.

Feminism happened somewhere else, clearly. Pamela (Countess of Mansfield) ran the house and shop at Scone Palace, but made time to place tea (in a mug printed The Boss") in easy reach of her lord. Chryssie (Lady Cobbold) drove to London every weekday to make dinner for her banker husband, because he refused to commute. Fiona (Lady Montagu of Beaulieu) sat in a kitchen eating scrambled egg while her husband talked about spark-plugs at a veteran car dinner under a marquee.

It was a clever film, and left room for your own observation. "We women in stately homes are merely passing through," complained Lady Montagu, referring to the system of primogeniture. But in her own curious case, she seemed to be passing through Beaulieu without even touching

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Colorado dude ranch, Florida and the Isle of Wight. (Cealax) (s) (5178) 7.30 EASTENDERS As residents gather for a Borifire Party, Lorraine womes about the effects the fireworks are having on Joe

(Ceetax) (s) (327) 8.00 999 LIFESAVERS A series reconstructing extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery. With Michael Buerk and Juliet

Morris (Ceetax) (s) (9766) 8.30 A QUESTION OF SPORT David Coleman Ally McColst and John Parrott are joined by Jonathan Edwards, Jerem Guscott, Nasser Hussain and Sarah Hardcastle (Ceefax) (s) (1501)

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax), regional news and meather (2211)

9.30 AFTER THE BREAK FUNDY RELEVISION commercials from around the world. (Ceetex) (s) (19872). WALES: WEEK IN WEEK OUT

10.00 CRIMEWATCH UK presented by Nick Ross and Jill Dando. The cases include that of the missing student Metanic Hall. who has not been seen since visiting a Bath nightclub in June (Ceetax) (s) 1389056

OMNIBUS: ROYAL COURT DIARIES (Ceetax) (s) (549501)

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11.45 DECISION 98 Live coverage of the American Presidential Election, presen-ted by David Dimbleby (138853). Ends at

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8.35 THE RECORD (6134940) 9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: STANDARD GRADE ENGLISH (6532853) 9.20 THE GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME (1732360) 9.45 WATCH (5988376) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (62563) 10.25 FIREWORK SAFETY (6357766) 10.30 COME OUTSIDE (3164582) 10.45
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ENGLISH COLLECTION (8018) 12.00

SEE HEAR! (76679) 12,30pm WORKING LUNCH (97650) 1.00 TEACHING TODAY (19969) 1.30 SHOWCASE (1480476) 1.40 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE (24515476) 2.00 FREMAN SAM (56740105) 2.10 THE

3.00 NEWS (4453563) 3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH NICK ROSS (6958018)

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8.00 FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR (r) (s) (986124) 6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH (Ceefax) (s) (868105) 7.10 THE O ZONE (1) (s) (539650)

7.30 FIRST AMONG EQUALS Does gender have a bearing on the grading of degrees? (s) (Ceefax) (969) 8.00 POUND FOR POUND (s) (7308)



The presenter Chris Kelly (8.30pm)

FOOD AND DRINK With Chris Kelly, Michael Barry, Oz Clerke and Jilly Goolden (Ceefex) (s) (9143)

9.00 SYKES Vintage comedy (r) (s) (8263) WALES: When Rover Met BMW 9.50 Alphabet of Britain 10.00-10.30 The Way It is

WHEN ROVER MET BMW (Ceetax) (s) (401582) 10.20 LUCINDA LAMBTON'S ALPHABET OF BRITAIN (r) (Ceetax) (s) (637292) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT live from Washington

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CHOICE

Food and Drink BBC2, 8.30pm

If you think that Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke, for all their undoubted knowledge of wine, are two of the silliest people around, and if Loyd Grossman's vowels assail your eardrums, then you might think twice about catching the new series of Food and Drink. lf, on the other hand, Jilly, Oz and Loyd are your favourite tipples, then prepare to sip their wisdom. Grossman is destined to play only a bit part in the series but we are promised plenty of Jilly and Oz, both in the studio and riding their tandem among the vineyards of Spain and Portugal. At least there can be little disagreement about Michael Barry, whose easy style, sensible approach and lack of gimmickry make him one of the best television cooks. Chris Kelly is your friendly host and there are the usual hard-nosed reports from the food front.

Animal Cannibals: To Eat Their Own Channel 4, 9,00pm

Until recently scientists tended to dismiss cannibalism among animals as an aberration. But as this unsavoury documentary shows, the practice is all too common. From Argentina to Arizona and Scotland, the evidence is clear. There is cannibalism among scorpions, frogs, spiders, lizards and carrion crows. Not to mention some of the proudest beasts on the planet, such as brown bears, lions and chimpanzees. Footage of a male lion systematically killing and devouring a bunch of cubs may be enough to put you off wildlife films for ever. You may even have switched off before an even more distressing sequence involving a chimp. Scientists, though, are fascinated by what lies behind this behaviour and their theories are complex and sometimes surprising.

When Rover Met BMW

The hacks descend on the Italian Riviera for the press launch of the Rover 200 and hardly are they off the plane than there are complaints about the wine. But plenty more hospitality lies ahead, designed to encourage favourable reports on the car. From the post-junket comments, the treatment seems to have worked. Or perhaps this really is the vehicle Rover cracks it up to be. And so, bizarrely, begins a five-part look at how the last British volume car maker is faring under its German owners. For the real story is about not wining and dining motoring writers but BMW's plans for its overseas subsidiary. At Longbridge, at least, the message is to forget the Germans and think British. So much so that an executive seminar features images from great national treasures such as Fawlty Towers.

Omnibus: Royal Court Diaries BBC1, 10.45pm (Scotland: tomorrow,

For the Royal Court Theatre in London getting a £16 million National Lottery grant was the easy bit. Deciding how to use it to refurbish the crumbling Victorian building was a lot trickier. David Lan's film records a turbulent year in the history of the theatre as the artistic director, Stephen Daldry, nearly runs himself ragged trying to reconcile the often conflicting demands of actors, directors, business people, the local authority and the Arts Council. The lottery money falls half a million short of what is required. In any case it has to be matched by considerable funds from elsewhere. The architect's bold concept has to get past Kensington and Chelsea Council. As their verdict is awaited, plans to move to the West End while the Royal Court is being rebuilt, hang in the balance. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (1130785) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1759037)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2568834) 10.00 THE TIME... THE PLACE (66389) 10.30 THIS MORNING (24560940) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (4343389) 12.30 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (4419259)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (4487650) 1.25 HIGH ROAD (Teletext) (7383211) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (57535360) 2.25 CROSS WITS (Teletext) (s) (57554495) 2.50 VANESSA (Teletext) (s) (6365785)

3.20 NEWS (Telelext) (4460853) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4469124)

3.30 POTAMUS PARK (3979414) 3.40 WIZADORA (7809476) 3.50 ZOT THE DOG (3973230) 4.05 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS (9989259) 4.15 HEY ARNOLD! (5098921) 4.40 THE WARD

5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (7754969) 5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (433056) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) 6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (148853)

7.00 EMMERDALE Biff receives good news (Teletext) (8414) 7.30 THE WOODWARD FILE Edward

Woodward goes in search of region's farming roots, investigates a major threat to a traditional way of life and learns about the secret behind the walts of thousands of cottages across the region 8.00 THE BILL: Trap A tip-off on a robbery



8.30 THE COOK REPORT The investigative reporter exposes shady companies and con-men (Teletext) (s) (3969) 9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER A Second World War bomb is discovered and the clock begins to tick for Cate's unborn child

(Teletext) (s) (5650) 10.00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (64834) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (273766)

10.40 CANVAS Arts discussion programme, hosted by Paul Gough 11.40 HUNTER Hunter survives the attack and closes in on Big Jack, but when Big Jack's body is found Hunter becomes the

prime suspect (113650) 12.45 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE **EXTRA** (2851438) 1.30 FILM: China O'Brien (1988) A drama

about a policeworman who leaves the torce to return to her rural home town where her father is the sheriff (965761) 3.05 LATE & LOUD (s) (1743902) 4.05 THE CHART SHOW (r) (s) (3530709) 5.00 ON THE EDGE (73728)

5.30 NEWS (68709)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4487650) 1.25 CROSS WITS (39043650)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24521037) 2.20 VANESSA (57546476) 2.50 FROM THE GROUND UP (6365785) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7754969) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (148853) 7.30-8.00 RELATIVE VALUES (495)

10.40 Film: TOTAL RECALL (72066259) 12.45am HIGHLANDER (4147780) 1.40 LATE & LOUD (7742148) 2.45 Film: GAOLBREAK (549544)

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2.50 CRAWSHAW PAINTS (6365785) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7754969) 5.30-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (211) 7.30-8.00 OUT TO LUNCH WITH BRIAN **TURNER** (495)

10.40 THE VERDICT (802655) 11.10 WISEGUY (850389) 12.10am SHORT STORY CINEMA (7)18254)

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1888 (r) (Teletext) (69227) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teleterd) (s) (273308)

7.55 THE SLOT (516969) 8.00 RIDE ON Includes dwarf car racing

(Teletext) (s) (2476) 8.30 BROOKSIDE Jules contronts Georgia and Nat, Mick runs up against a few problems at the governors' meeting and Ron and Jackie try to remain just good mends (Teletext) (s) (4211)



Hungry mouths to feed (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE ANIMAL CANNIBALS: To Eat Their Own Why do some animals resort to eating their own kind? (1/2) (Teletext) (3292) 10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY Sally

decides that her face does not fit at Globelink (Teletext) (s) (723476) 10.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (I) (Teletext) (s) (252196)

11.05 GET UP, STAND UP The best in black entertainment (Teletext) (s) (639308) 11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE: Lovers and Madmen Joel stumbles across a

perfectly preserved woolly mammoth (Teletext) (s) (521358) 12.35am THE SHOOTING GALLERY 11 short hims on the theme of redemption MASCULINE MESCALINE (8901506) 1.00 LA VIE EN ROSE (1042902) 1.10 HELL, TEXAS AND HOME (6153148) 1.40 THE RING OF TRUTH (5451612) 2.15 GOING HOME (6607780) 2.35 GODSPEAK (6792308) 2.40 DRIP (9565902) 3.00 NOT WITHOUT MY HANDBAG (52667411) 3.15 MANANUL

(88659099) 3.30 DIABOLIC WIFE (79641544) 3.35-3.50 UNSIGNED

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Forwards await England captaincy decision



FEW secrets are kept in sport but the name of Will Carling's successor as captain of the England rugby union team is one of them. This season, above all, when the Rugby Football Union and the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs have been like leaky buckets during their long and destructive disputes, the national team management cards have been kept notably close to their chests.

Today at Twickenham, however, the new man will be unveiled and will receive a grilling from the assembled media — all so unlike the start of Carling's record-breaking run in 1988, when he returned a telephone call from Geoff Cooke. then the team manager, and was told that, not only was he still part of the England team against Australia, he was also its captain. Carling was to cement a place in the side.

Cooke, however, had no doubt that he would be at the heart of the England midfield for years to come and the same argument will apply to today's appointment: above all, the captain must be sure of his place and that may well preclude three of the runners in the leadership stakes — Phil de Glanville, Tim Rodber and Ben Clarke.

A harsh judgment would suggest that, of the present training squad, only four are stone-cold certainties to play against Italy on November 23 and, beyond that, against the New Zealand Barbarians, Argentina and into next year's five nations' championship: Jeremy Guscott, Jason Leonard, Martin Johnson and Lawrence

De Glanville, articulate and intelligent, would be many people's choice, but for the presence in the centre of

form as well as ever. Moreover, de Glanville has been injured over the past five weeks and has been unable to press home his claims as a player; Rodber has done that in the Northampton back row but has yet to convince the management of his best place in the back-row unit while Clarke, now playing in the second division with Richmond, may find his move from Bath more costly than

Jack Rowell, the coach, has already ruled out experimentation against Italy. Accepting the original criteria, then, the captain will be one of the three forwards because Guscott's talent in the centre is best left unfettered by additional responsibilities. Johnson's propensity to concede penalties, at international as well as club level, may well count against

Guscott and Carling, still holding his and and Dallaglio, who have been among the favourites since Carling announced his intention to step down after the game against Ireland last March. The more attractive candidate is Dallaglio who, at 24, has shown immense maturity, stepping into the breach at Wasps when the long Newcastle purse removed Dean Ryan, Rob Andrew and Steve Bates. To play so well in his first full international season, in addition to

coping with club duties, was a substantial achievement. His position in the back row also allows him to appreciate the tactical shifts of a game. Against that, he, like Johnson, has a tendency to voice - if only through his body language — his views of refereeing decisions with which he disagrees and there have been times when Wasps have suffered from an inability to adapt their free-flowing approach to the pragmatism which international rugby will

said of Leonard and Harlequins

However, of all the candidates for the job, Leonard has the most international experience: 49 caps since his debut against Argentina in 1990 and a tour of New Zealand with the British Isles in 1993. The English are seldom unhappy

to be led by a tight forward, though it is not the easiest position from which to judge the ebb and flow of a game. Whether Leonard is assertive enough remains a most point and he would need to have confidence in his half backs who, whichever combination is chosen, remain inexperienced in international terms.

A bluff, unassuming demeanour masks a competitive spirit and considerable skill and at 28, he will certainly endure until the 1999 World Cup, if required. However, Rowell's die has long been cast; this morning, he can let the world in on his secret.



Dallaglio: maturing

England coach continues crusade

Hoddle offers Gascoigne better future

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

BENEATH lowering clouds at coigne returned to the England training fold and then confessed his remorse for beating his wife, Sheryl. Be-side him, Glenn Hoddle, having already granted Gascoigne a place in the squad, though still not prepared to confirm his place in the team in Georgia on Saturday, asked us to consider the Gascoigne, having admitted his sin and confronted his future, will re-emerge an even better player?

The conundrum is haunting. No one can say that transforming a man's nature, if that were possible, could successfully extract the wildness and leave intact the performer of near genius.

accept that playing a game can be described as genius. Yet the goal Gascoigne conjured up against Scotland during Euro 96 was as close to it as any we may see, and the challenge that he and the England coach have embarked upon, must contain the element of risk that, in subduing the errant temperament, they reduce Gascoigne the performer.

there was certainly a kind of courage in a man facing up to his turbulent recent past. "I've done things in the heat of the moment and later regretted them. I've tried to hide them by joking, now I am trying to think before hiding behind the jokes," he said. On the training pitch he did indeed look fit and lean and definitely not the

joker. Yet, no one asked why it took two weeks of counselling. two different counsellors and Hoddle as a mentor, for Gascoigne publicly to state remorse over the wife-beating allegation, whereas he had instantly asked Rangers players to forgive him being sent off for kicking an Ajax player and being sent off in the European Cup.

There were those who ap-lauded his 20 minutes of soul-baring yesterday. Per-haps they had not been present at his many previous moments of contrition, his pledges to let no one down.

There is an evangelical approach to the England management of Hoddle that we have never seen before. It is not only with Gascoigne. Tony Adams was released from camp yesterday afternoon to continue his counselling for alcoholism, just as Paul Merson, his team-mate at Arsenal, had been at the last England gathering.

To lighten the atmosphere, Hoddle threw a party on Sunday, celebrating the 33rd birthday of lan Wright, another man recalled to the colours. "He's an infectious character, a lovely lad and in training looks as sharp as a razor," Hoddle said of Wright. Those are hardly the words often used about the Arsenal goalscorer, but Hoddle sees the good before the bad in people. "We surprised him with a cake," the England coach said, "but we didn't find enough candles!"

But this was a sideshow. Gascoigne, inevitably, was the focus of the first day's training of this most challenging week for English football.

Hoddle makes no pretence that the counselling, the forgiveness, is a quick fix for Gascoigne. "I'm looking one year down the line." he emphasised. "and it is then we might even see a Paul Gas-coigne that nobody has ever seen. There might be adjust-

By Russell Kempson

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their former England Under-

21 winger, but it is believed

that the club is not yet pre-

Though Sinclair would

pened for me to change my

mind. You never want to see

ments, he might not hit it so often, and might have to provide those moments of magic less often in a game. But Paul's been given a gift, he had it from a very early age. and he's just started facing up to issues in life, to deal with them as he's never done

Hoddle, reiterating that he could never condone the vio-lence Gascoigne now admits he inflicted on his wife, gave

RANGERS have confirmed

that they have offered Kenny Dalglish, the former Liver-pool and Blackburn Rovers

manager, a senior position. Rangers hope that Dalglish,

who began his playing career

in Glasgow with Celtic, would

be able to identify and attract

leading players to Ibrox.

Dalglish offered job

an alarming inference that similar problems might be endemic in football, "I dealt with it at Swindon, and at Chelsea," he said. "It's a situation that calls for manmanagement. Behind the scenes. I think there are major issues to be faced up to in the game." If indeed Gascoigne is not alone, who apart from Hoddle will tackle the

malaise? At administration levels,

decision but Walter Smith,

the manager, said: "We had a

meeting with Kenny Dalglish

before the Ajax match last

week, where we put our offer

"We have yet to arrange

another meeting but that will

be done shortly and hopefully

we will be able to make an

there is neither the trust nor vision to work together. The clubs, of course, are tribal bastions, cutting one another's throats. So, if there is unease at the biblical style that surrounds Hoddle's coming to the fore of the English game, who will support his crusade?

Over the next two days, Hoddle hopes to be allowed to concentrate on winning a foot-ball match, the World Cup qualifier in Tbilisi. Central to that might be Gascoigne, a player whose recent marriage was made in Hello! and who responded in the News of the World at the weekend to his wife's story in the Daily Mirror. The counsellors are now trying to get out of Gascoigne the pent-up rage, even hate, he says he had bottled up for years. How he channels it in the future adds the next chap-

ter to a distressing soap opera.

Gascoigne pauses for reflection with David Beckham during the England squad's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday CHARLES TYRWHITT Asker of fenc shirts

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command a fee of about £5 million, with Tottenham Hotspur, Leeds United and Blackburn Rovers involved in the bidding, Stewart Houston, the OPR manager, does not want to lose the club's prize asset. "I've said that from the day I arrived here," he said yesterday. "Nothing has hap-

pared to sell him.

your top players leave." Chris Wright, the QPR owner, is equally keen to keep Sinclair. "I want our best players to stay," Wright said.

Houston battles to keep "I also think those who came down from the Premiership last season have a responsibility to help get us back up."
Sinclair, 23, asked for a
move last month, having

grown increasingly frustrated at the Nationwide League first division club. He featured regularly in England squads before Euro 96, but has been ignored since Glenn Hoddle took over as national coach.

"I'm just glad something will be sorted out soon and that my future will be made clear," Sinclair said. However, it is understood that QPR may offer Sinclair a lucrative deal to stay. Only when he has considered the improved contract would the QPR board decide on its course of action.

Spurs, who have already had a bid of £2.5 million turned down, are unlikely to re-enter the chase, should Sinclair become available Gerry Francis, the manager, appears to have turned his the Rosenborg striker. Francis is believed to have spoken with Iversun, 19, at the weekend, and again yesterday, about a proposed £1.75 million move. iversun has scored ten goals in 16 appearances for the Norway Under-21 team.

Savo Milosevic's proposed transfer from Aston Villa to Perugia, for £4.5 million, is back on. It was due to have been finalised on Friday, but reports from Italy indicated that Perugia were unwilling to pay the fee. "It is still on as far as we are concerned." Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, said yesterday. "We've shaken hands on the deal and that's

Lee Clark, the Newcastle United midfield player, is also likely to be moving. having asked for a transfer at the weekend. Clark, 24, has spent nine years at St James' Park. but has been mostly restricted to the substitutes' bench this

tant to play regular first-team football," Clark said. "I feel I must move on to further my

Wales's slim hopes of success in their World Cup group seven qualifying match against Holland in Eindhoven on Saturday suffered further setbacks yesterday when Ryan Giggs, Barry Home, the captain, and Nathan Blake withdrew from the squad because of injuries. Bobby Gould, the Wales

manager, has called up Lee Jones, of Liverpool, and Jason Bowen, of Birmingham City. Holland have omitted Jordi Cruyff, the Manchester United forward; but welcome back Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars after injury.

Keith Houchen, the manager of Hartlepool United, of the Nationwide League third divi-sion, was dismissed yesterday. Mick Tait, the player-coach, takes over in a caretaker role. Charles Tyrwhitt introductory offer 20% OFF ALL SHIRTS

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BILL CLINTON looks set to become the first Democrat in 60 years to win re-election, not because he commands great effection or because voters believe him guiltless, but because the economy is strong and his opponent weak. However, America would

certainly be taking a risk in reelecting him, because Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, is nearing the end of his investigations into the Clintons financial dealings in Arkansas, alleged White House obstruction of those investigations and the House Travel Office and missing files. An indictment of Hillary Clinton, or even the President, is not impossible.

The Supreme Court will also decide whether Paula Jones's sexual harassment case against the President can proceed before Mr Clinton eaves office and Republicans ere demanding a special prosecutor to investigate the legality of Asian contributions to the Democrats and whether

During his final rallies Bob Dole gave a warning that Mr Clinton would "spend half his time next year with investigations". Trent Lott, the Repub-lican Senate leader, predicted "big troubles ahead for this President". Mr Perot said Mr Clinton's re-election would mean "a second Watergate and a constitutional crisis'

At an estimated \$800 million (£490 million), this has been the costliest presidential election, but it has also been one of the least memorable of modern times. Neither candidate was a fresh face. Neither offered a bold new vision, a "big idea" or real passion. There was no central issue, though plenty, including America's role in the world, were ignored.

Graphs of the year's polis show two basically straight horizontal lines, or three if Mr Perot is included. Not one of the hundreds of polls put Mr Dole ahead. "The truth is, nothing has changed for a long time," Scott Reed, the 73year-old Republican's cam-paign manager, concedes in deepened (Reuter)

this week's New Yorker magajoit the race. We thought we jolted it when he left the Senate. Then we thought we joited it with our convention. But we didn't."

The networks returned record low viewing figures for the party conventions and presidential debates. They of-ten relegated the election to second or third item on the news, even in the final days.

Today's turnout is expected to be considerably below the 55 per cent who voted in 1992 and, with a Clinton victory seemingly inevitable, the battle for Congress could well be decided by whether complacent Democrats or dispirited Republicans stay at home in greater numbers.

Cl Campaign row: An Iraqi-American family wanting sanctions against Iraq to be cased gave about \$400,000 at a fundraising event attended by President Clinton, the Detroit Free Press reported yesforeign political contributions



President Clinton takes part in one of the last rallies of the campaign, at Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was supporting local candidates

Time for tears on a sentimental journey

From Bronwen Maddox in manchester, new hampshire

AT DAWN today, hours before the polls open, President Clinton will arrive in his home town of Little Rock, Arkansas, after covering the last five states of his campaign in 19

His adrenalin battling with exhaustion and his voice cracking after six days of round-the-clock rallies, he has said that he is having fun.

"We are trying to squeeze every last ounce of energy out of him," Mike McCurry, the President's spokesman, said late on Sunday. The paper he gets, the autographs: he signs

hours of Monday morning, he kept crowds waiting in Maine while he finished a card game aboard Air Force One.

for the last hours of the campaign from his cabin on Air Force One, he told the 200 staff, Secret Service officers and journalists who travel with him. Eyes welling with tears, he also said that he had decided to refer to Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli leader, in every speech because he had remembered

enjoyed that." In the early mail and made more than II ten-year-old, and a volleyball, million telephone calls in support of the President and other candidates. With opinion polls indicating that Mr Clinton's Mr Clinton personally drafted the gruelling timetable lead is narrowing in crucial states, he is battling on his own behalf as well as that of

congressional candidates. Mr Clinton's last sweep across the length and breadth of America began early on Sunday in West Palm Beach, Florida In balmy heat, to a mellow backdrop of 1960s music and a stage decorated with pink plastic flamingos, the President worked a sunevery thing that is thrown at : that November 4 was the tanned crowd in bikini tops

the other night, between the Democratic campaign has calendar, a victorious-look-

collected solemnly by follow-

ing staff.
With foreheads still burnt from the Florida sun, aides were disgorged shivering four hours later into the winter chill and gritty streets of Union, New Jersey.

After a warm-up speech by Whoopi Goldberg, the actress, and a few recorded bars of Born in the USA by Bruce Springsteen, a native of New Jersey. Mr Clinton called for support for Bob Torricelli in his "protean battle" for a

By 10pm on Sunday, when

the tight timetable was breaking down. The press plane, carrying 120 reporters and technicians, was stranded while an over-watchful Secret Service prevented it from being refuelled. Police, frisking the television crews, insisted on testing all electronics; a hundred yards of Tarmac became a tangled heap of cameras and laptop computers, screens glowing in the

For "sentimental" reasons. the President wanted to start the last day of "the last campaign I will ever run" in

dark as the officers tried to

find the "off" buttons.

A LATE NIGHT VIEWER'S GUIDE TO THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS* INTERESTED TUESDAY PRESIDENT PRESIDENT Earliest exit polls from Indiana and Kentucky will indicate overall directions of race. Robert Dole needs to win Indiana by at least 12 points to have a reasonable chance nationwide. If he loses here Clinton is heading ms from the East

hatchwide, in the loses here, Clinton is heading for a massive victory. Similarly, Kentucky is a must-win state for the Republican challenger. Any sort of Cliaton victor here means he will return the Weite House. to the White House, A

Too early for key result HOUSE

coast states will be heavily pro-Clinton, much more so than the rest of the country. Only if Dole can win states like New Jersey is an upset likely. SENATE Democrats must hold their seats in Massachussets and New Jersey. Republicans need to ratain Maine and New Hampshire.

HOUSE Republican prospects are weaker in the northeast

PRESIDENT Results from the Minimum the prairie/mountain west and the South will confir final result. Dole should do better in South and the south and th

West while outcome in Midwest will decide the election. Democrats defend a set of valuable seats in the South, while Republicans defend a clutch in the West, Unless very close,

weaker in the northeast than in most other parts of the US. Expect Republican is seats in the South while losses early on. More than ten seats gained by the Democratin here would imply their capture of the

If the race for control is very tight it will be decided in Oragon, where Republicans defend a seal in a generally Roeral stale. HOUSE

have made some gains it the South, they can affor to lose ten seats here. If

* BBC 1, Tuesday 11.45pm-Wednesday 5.30am. Radio 5 Live, Midnight-5.45am. Sky News, Midnight-6am

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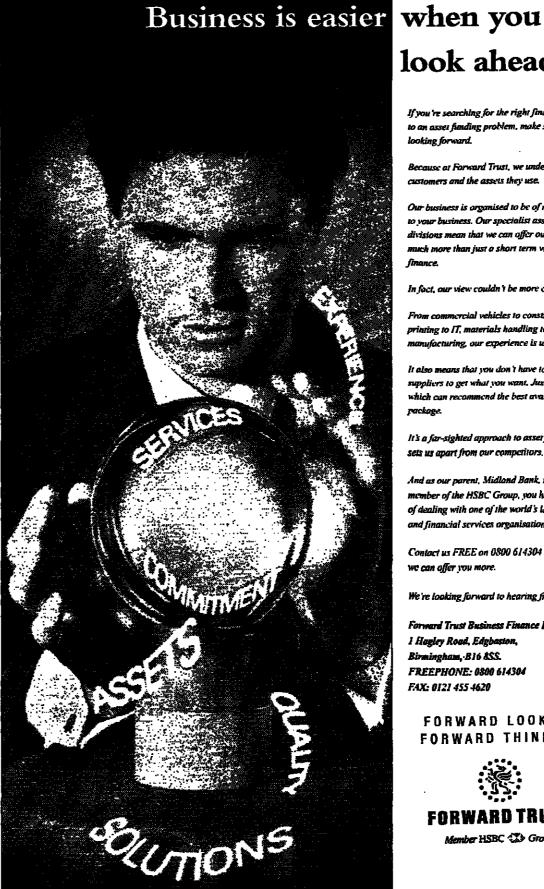
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Test for Chirac as ailing Mobutu swaps luxury Swiss hotel for Riviera villa

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

PRESIDENT MOBUTU of Zaire yesterday left the plush Swiss hotel where he has lived since August and flew by private plane to his luxury villa in the south of France as eastern Zaire plunged deeper into crisis.

The Zairean leader, who has been undergoing prostate cancer treatment at Lausanne's UniverDelmare at Roquebrune-Cap-Martin near Monaco.

President Mobutu. 66. left Geneva airport for the short flight to Nice aboard his private DC8, designed to accommodate his full entourage - including ten bodyguards, two doctors, two drivers, four other servants and a number of family members.

The Swiss authorities have come under domestic political pressure visa was unlikely to be renewed this month.

President Chirac, who is attending a Franco-Spanish summit in Marseilles, faced criticism over President Mobutu's visit to France last April and the arrival of the Zairean leader has presented Paris with a fresh headache at a time when France is seeking to shed its reputation as a haven for exiled

Foreign Ministry officials said

Mobutu had arrived in France and added that it was "highly unlikely" President Chirac would meet his Zairean counterpart, whose human rights record has come under attack in France.

At the weekend France urged emergency humanitarian action" in Zaire, and called on Europe to more than a million refugees.

President Mobutu was banned from visiting his property on the

Cote d'Azur until 1994, when the ban was lifted after Zaire cooperated with the French military Operation Turquoise to stop the Rwandan massacres

In another mark of his apparent return to favour in France. President Mobutu was permitted to address the International Diplomatic Academy in Paris in April.

The Swiss authorities have made it clear that they will not permit regular visits by President Mobutu to another of his large

President Mobutu's bill at the lakeside Beau Rivage Hotel in Lausanne, believed to have exceeded £750,000, was paid before his departure, according to a hotel spokesman — loose change for man reported to be worth several billion pounds, much of which has been gained from Zaire's diamond

The precise state of President Mobutu's health is unknown. Although aides initially said he was recovering well after a prostate operation on August 22. others have speculated that he may be gravely ili. Le Monde reported last week that the Zairean leader's cancer had spread and his aides advocated "complete rest".

A spokesman for the Princess Grace of Monaco Hospital, one of the nearest to President Mobutu's Villa Delmare, said last night that his name had not been registered

Zaire rebels call ceasefire to let aid reach Hutus

EASTERN Zaire's rebels yesterday called a unilateral ceasefire to allow emergency relief to be delivered to 1.1 million Hutu refugees and countless Zaireans displaced by uprisings in North and

South Kivu. Laurent Kabila, leader of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation (Congo-Zaire), said by telephone from his new base in the recently captured city of Bukavu that his forces would cease fire for three weeks to allow the deliveries to the refugees.

They will be regrouped so that their suffering can be helped by the international community." he said.

In Gisenyi, on Rwanda's border with Zaire, aid agencies awaited permission to cross into Goma, North Kivu's capital, where half a million Hutu refugees are marching into a future certain only of widespread death from hunger and disease.

Meanwhile, the clamour for military intervention to save the refugees grew, with United Nations officials suggesting that Rwanda's Tutsi-led Army might be the best placed to restore order to Zaire. Sadako Ogata, the UN High Commissioner for Refu-gees, said the Rwandan Patrione Army, which has close relations with east Zaire's rebel groups, could seek a UN mandate to set up humanitarian corridors for the delivery of relief and repatriation of the Hutu refugees. She said she corridor from Goma into Rwanda. "I'd like to have heavy international presence international community was



Calls for military help to save refugees in Zaire are growing, Sam Kiley reports from the Rwanda border town of Gisenyi

in order to give a sense of confidence to the refugees. who are very frightened." Asked if the UNHCR was discussing Western military protection for refugee corri-dors with Belgium, France and other European Union states, she said: "We are informally contacting various

governments. The French agency Médécins Sans Frontières called for a multinational force to be sent to Zaire to establish safe areas for refugees and arrest thousands of Hutus implicated in the 1994 genocide of Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwanda.

The two plans struck many observers as bordering on the bizarre. The UNHCR's proposal could amount to forcibly repatriating Hutu refugees and an endorsement of Rwanda's support for Zaire's rebel movement. The French agency's is less workable, because it would require a force of many thousands of soldiers with orders to pull alleged murderers out of the camps where they live with their

Major Emmanuel Ndahiro. Rwanda's spokesman and a senior Ministry of Defence official, did not reject the UNHCR proposal, but insisted that it looked as if the

asking Rwanda to "do its dirty work". He said that if Rwanda were asked to police humanitarian corridors it would have to do so with a mandate from the UN Security Council.

But as Médécins Sans Frontières' vice-president, Jacques de Milliano, observed: Thousands of people will be dying every day in eastern Zaire. We do not have time to waste on long-winded diplomatic initiatives if they are to be saved. After years of experience in the region. where cholera and dysentery are endemic, you don't need a scientific survey to know that the refugees are dying."

James Fennel, Care International's head of emergency programming, endorsed the UNHCR's proposals to ask Rwanda to restore order and allow humanitarian relief to be delivered in Zaire. The only permanent solution would be if the refugees were encouraged to go back to Rwanda," he said.

☐ Aid flights: A Dutch Air Force plane chartered by Unicef landed at Entebbe, Uganda, with 30 tonnes of aid for eastern Zaire, the United Nations children's agency said. Four more aircraft are due to arrive with another 120 tonnes of aid this week. (Reuter)



A soldier said to be from Rwanda and to have been captured in eastern Zaire is guarded in the Zairean capital. Kinshasa, yesterday

Pressure mounts on Mandela to intervene in crisis

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

THE international community is looking to South Africa to take the lead in finding a solution to the turmoil in Zaire. But so far President Mandela has not been keen to step into the crisis brewing in

At home, took unease is mounting at Pretoria's failure to lead from the front. A leading article in a national newspaper at the weekend called on Mr Mandela to

provide the moral leadership our continent cries out for".

In recent years, the West has pushed for African solutions to African problems and President Mandela has figured prominently in this calculation. But Mr Mandela, ever mindful of foreign intervention, has indicated he will only respond to such an initiative from the United Nations or the Organisation of African Unity. The country was recently dismissive of an American attempt to get it to take the lead in setting up a regional crisis reaction force to deal with crises such as that developing in Zaire.

One reason for Pretoria's reticence is because of its embarrassing blunder over human rights abuses in Nigeria. In his first high-profile foreign policy test, Mr Man-dela suffered a setback when he expressed moral indignation at the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa the Nigerian writer and activist, and called for harsh measures against the Nigerian junta, only to back regional parmers and members of his Government.

South Africa has since struggled to establish a foreign policy focus, and Mr Mandela's stance reflects the line adopted by other African nations. It also cannot be a honest broker since it has been supplying weapons to the

ruled out sending a peace interest to do so because of the rate factions in a complex and South Africa will slip in ethnic war is a grim prospect - the prestige rankings unless Yet his Government is a sym-

bol of hope in a continent of despair and many - in the West and the region - are looking for effective leadership from him.

Greg Mills, director of the Institute of International Affairs here, said: "If South Africa wants to be taken seriously as a world player, it Rwandan Government. will have to do its bit." He While Mr Mandela has not added: "It is in the national." effect on Africa's imag

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site again time in three days, an American F16 warplane yesterday fired a missile at an Iraqi antiaircraft installation in the southern no-fly zone (Martin

Fletcher writes). The Pentagon said the pilot believed he was being targeted by the installation's surface-toair missile system. The pilot in the first incident had attacked on similar grounds but the Pentagon later admitted he

had been mistaken. The Iraqi Foreign Ministry denies both incidents.

Ex-envoy accused of child sex

Sydney: John Holloway, 53, former Australian Ambassador to Cambodia, was accused at Canberra magistrates' court of paying a 14-year-old boy £1.25 for sex in the gardens of a Phnom Penh temple (Roger Maynard writes). The youth, who was flown to Australia, gave evidence that Mr Holloway's driver picked him up another time and drove to his house. where he had oral sex.

Sri Lanka leader is cremated

Kelaniya, Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka's first executive President, Junius Jayewardene, was cremated amid tight security at this temple town near the capital. Colombo, after elaborate Buddhist funeral rites. Monks chanted as the coffin containing the body of Jayewardene, 90, who died of cancer on Friday, was draped in a national flag. (AFP)

Defences down

Minsk: President Lukashenko of Belarus chose General Aleksandr Chumakov as temporary replacement for the Defence Minister, Lieutenant-General Leonid Maltsev, sacked after attending a ceremony too drunk to read a

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Bokassa the cruel, emperor and killer, dies aged 75

FROM REN MACINTYRE

THE former self-styled Emperor of the Central African Republic, Jean-Bédel Bokassa, whose 13-year dictatorship was marked by delusions of grandeur, extravagance and cruelty on an epic scale, has

He suffered a fatal heart attack on Sunday night at the main hospital in Bangui, capital of the impoverished nation he ruled until he was ousted in a French-backed coup in 1979. The former leader had been suffering from kidney and cerebral problems and hypertension, and had a brain haemorrhage

Hours after Bokassa's death was confirmed by Jean Charles Bokassa, one of his 54 children, several thousand mourners assembled outside

the hospital. In 1966, six years after the country gained independence from France, Bokassa, a lieutenant-colonel risen from the ranks of the French colonial army, seized power. He established a regime that became more fantastic and capricious. with every year as he declared himself. progressively, Life President, Father of the Nation and then Emperor Bo-kassa I of the Central African

Empire. Modelling himself on Napoleon Bonaparte and claiming descent from the pharachs, Bokassa created a oneman cult of which he was the.

principal devotee. Bokassa was once one of, France's closest African allies, but politicians in Paris were noticeably silent yesterday on his death.

His "imperial coronation" in 1977 cost a quarter of the country's annual foreign exchange earnings and his diamond-stridded crown and robes, fashioned by 25 Parisian seamstresses, were valued at £4 million.

France's interest in the lucrative uranium trade of its former colony ensured the support of Paris for much of Bokassa's rule. But the links between the nations brought scandal amid allegations that former President Giscard speech, Interfax reported. (AP) d Estaing a friend and some



Bokassa in diamond-studded crown stands at his coronation before his two-tonne gilded throne

time hunting partner of the During the three-month dictator. The charges contrib-uted to the French leader's election defeat in 1981.

As his despotism, avarice and butchery mounted, Bo-kassa's French backers came to see him as a serious liability. In 1979, more than 100 schoolchildren were massacred after they complained about the expense of their new and claborate school uniforms, which were designed by Bokassa. Within months, French troops moved in to reinstate the country's first President, David Dacko,

Bokassa's nephew. A recipient of the Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre, Bokassa spent seven years in quiet but unhappy exile in France and Ivory Coast until 1986 when he abruptly returned home, mistakenly expecting to be acclaimed by the populace. He was immediately put on trial for murder, embezziement,

African leader, had accepted a trial prosecutors presented gift of diamonds from the horrific evidence of his atrocities, including gruesome and doubtlessly exaggerated allegations of cannibalism.

Witnesses said that the body of a murdered schoolteacher was kept on a meat hook in the freezer of Bokassa's imperial palace. His former chef claimed that Bokassa até cooked human ilesh "with relish" and enjoyed watching foreign digni-taries consuming his political opponents in the belief that they were being served roast beef. "I am not a cannibal," he told the court in floods of

The self-styled "13th Apostle of Christ was finally acquire ted of cannibalism, but con-demned to death for murder The sentence was first commuted to hard labour for life? then to 20 and finally to ten years in prison. He was freed after only six years, in: Sep

tember 1993.

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infanticide and cannibalism.

American killed by Moscow gangsters

FROM RICHARD BEESTON-IN MOSCOW

THE gangland murder of Moscow's most outspoken foreign businessman has sent a chill through the expatriate community, which had been largely spared the bloody consequences of doing business in Russia.

Paul Tatum, one of the first American entrepreneurs to wark in the Russian capital, was shot It times in the back on Sunday only yards from his office in the Radisson-Slavyanskaya Hotel, of which he was a founding partner in the early. Nineties. The police believe that the attacker, who used a Kalashnikov machinegun, was a contract killer. They said he dropped the weapon at the scene and escaped in a white Lada.

Scores of prominent figures have been murdered, including bankers and leading figures in the media, but the killers are rarely caught.

"People are disturbed by this murder," Peter Charow, head of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow, said. "We urge the Russian authorities to take swift decision, measures to bring those responsible to justice. Otherwise, it will send a very negative signal to Western investors."

The American Embassy said it would be inappropriate to speculate on a motive for the murder. However, before his death, Mr Tatum had said that he felt under threat from his estranged partners at the Radisson-Slavyanskaya. Hotel, where President Clinton and other visiting dignitaries

Mr Tatum, 41, from Oklahoma, had planned to build a business empire, but he fell out with his Russian partners. Once he was locked out of his offices and had to force his way in with the help of hired bodyguards.

At the time, Mr. Tatum appealed to Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, to clean up the city government, which owns a controlling stake in the hotel. "If they do not act immediately, investors and foreign companies will say avair from Russia." he said. "Who would come to a Chicago mob town of the 1930s to invest their money?"

Decks cleared for midweek bypass surgery on Yeltsin

By THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE top American heart specialist, Dr Michael DeBakey, met Russian doctors yesterday at the sanatorium outside Moscow where President Yeltsin has been resting for the past few weeks, to decide when the Russian leader should undergo heart surgery. Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the President's spokesman, declined to comment on the

should undergo heart surgery.
Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the President's spokesman, declined to comment on the possible timing of the surgery, but said Mr Yeltsin would be moved to the Moscow Cardiological Centre at least a day before surgery. His condition was last night described as "completely satisfactory".

The most likely date for Mr Yeltsin's triple or quadruple bypass operation is thought to be tomorrow or Thursday, the anniversary of the October Revolution, which is a public holiday in Russia.

Most journalists and printers will not be working then, and this should make it easier for the Kremlin to put the most favourable possible gloss on the result of the operation.

Renat Akchurin, who trained in Texas with Dr DeBakey, will lead the operation, which officials have stressed will be carried out only by Russian doctors. Dr DeBakey, 88, has rejected suggestions that Mr Yeltsin is more ill than is being officially admitted. He told the BBC



DeBakey: President's prospects 'excellent'

World Service last week that the preparation period for the operation had cleared up the President's other main health problems — anaemia, loss of blood and thyroid dysfunction. He said there was a 2 to 4 per cent chance of failure.

The surgery is expected to take about seven hours. Dr. DeBakey said if all went well. Mr. Yeltsin's prospects were excellent and "he should be able to resume normal duties in six weeks or two munths".

President Yehsin's former close friend, confidant and bodyguard, Aleksandr Kozzkakov, has stepped up the feud with his former chief by lodging a defamation suit against him. A court in the west Moscow district, where

both men still live on the same floor of the same house, confirmed yesterday that General Korzhakov had filed the action. The former KGB officer, who was last week stripped of all military duties and the right to wear uniform, is accusing Mr Yeltsin of insulting his "honour and dignity".

He is demanding a public retraction of charges that he disclosed Kremlin secrets and slandered Mr Yeltsin's family. The two mea have been spared the embarrassment of seeing each other recently because of Mr Yeltsin's stay in hospital.

General Korzhakov's accusations have been only one element in a swirling storm of political feuds that has blown up in the President's absence. Mr Yeltsin has not been seen on television since he cancelled all official meetings last week on doctors orders, and has been out of the public eye since before the second round of the presidential election on luly 3.

The day-to-day running of the country has fallen increasingly into the hands of the the Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, and the Kremlin chief of staff, Anatoli Chubais. For a limited time during and after the operation, Mr Chernomyrdin will become acting President.



A policeman stands guard outside the Cardiology Research Centre yesterday

Stasi set up steroid clinic at Olympics

FROM REUTER
IN BERLIN

A SECRET medical facility was set up by communist East Germany outside the Olympic Village at the 1976 Montreal Games where athletes were given performance-enhancing steroids. German officials said vesterday.

yesterday.

The state authority examining documents left behind after unification by the Ministry for State Security (Stasi) said it had evidence that East Germany had been particularly meticulous in Montreal.

ly meticulous in Montreal.

After the Games, the Stasi "dumped ten suitcases of drugs and hypodermic syringes in the St Lawrence River", Peter Busse, director of the authority, told German radio. Herr Busse said that the paraphernalia was partly destroyed before disposal "so that nobody would know where they came from in case they were found".

East Germany won 90 medals at the Montreal Games, including 40 gold medals, second only to the Soviet Union. Years ago the authority had uncovered evidence that East German athletes had received steroids. But the new findings showed that East Germany was especially well organised in its efforts to win Olympic medals.

Herr Busse called for compensation for East German athletes who were coerced into taking steroids to improve their performance.

New Bulgarian leader to speed market reform



A jubilant Petar Stoyanov celebrates victory in Sofia

By Roger Boyes

BULGARIA'S top divorce lawyer, Petar Stoyanov, has beaten his Socialist rival to become the country's new Head of State in a move that is sure to put pressure on the left-wing Government.

The trend against East European post-Communist parties was also confirmed yesterday in Romania, where conservative market reformers led by Professor Emil Constantinescu emerged a clear 10 points ahead of President Ion Iliescu's Social Democrats in parliamentary elections. The presidential

vote, between Mr Iliescu and Professor Constantinescu, will go into a second round on Sunday in search of a clear

The Bulgarian presidency

is less powerful than the Romanian but Mr Stoyanov, 44, seems set to speed the demise of the post-Communist Government of Zhan Videnov. The Government is floundering as it prepares for what may well be one of the most miserable winters since the war. Its vulnerability was underlined by the visit to Sofia of a team of economists from the International Monetary Fund, which has been

threatening to delay a \$115 million (£71 million) credit because of the Government's tardy privatisation. Without this hard currency, the Prime Minister told the IMF on Sunday, it will be difficult to

hold the value of the lev, the

national currency, to cover food imports during the winter and to service debts.

Mr Stoyanov's role will be to ensure that the Government accelerates market reforms. Sixty-four loss-making state enterprises are supposed to be liquidated and 50 others privatised.

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By Dessa Trevisan

FIRST results in the Yugoslav elections signalled a clear victory for Slobodan Milosevic's left-wing coalition last night. The Socialists claimed they would have a majority in parliament, clearing the way for President Milosevic to assume the federal presidency in a year's time when his present term as President of

Serbia expires.

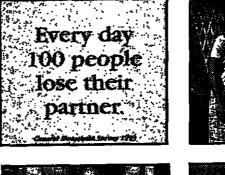
According to the first indicators, voter turnout in the Sunday poll was more than 50

slav tion Zajedno (Together) won clear about 23 per cent of the vote, ssevless than half the support of Mr Milosevic's Socialists.

The Radical Party, which fell out with Mr Milosevic, said it was pleased with its third-place finish, with about 18 per cent of the vote.

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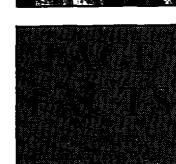
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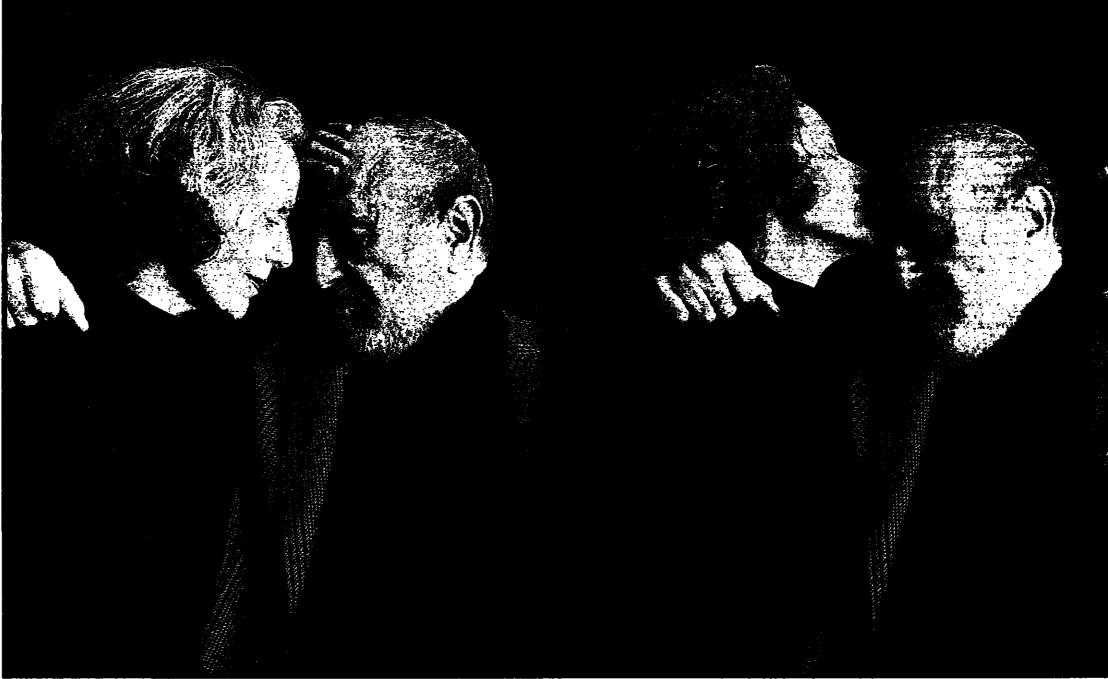
Harold Brodkey was dying from Aids, he kept a journal that became a lyrical and moving testament of love to his wife, Ellen

SPRING 1993 I DON'T want to be defensively middle-class about this, but it was a middle-class decision I made, nothing glorious, to try to go ahead and have Aids, live with it, for a while. I felt the doom was bearable. Also I was not, am not, young. I am not being cut down before I have had a chance to live. Most important, I was not and am not alone. I am embarrassed to be ill and to be ill in this way, but no one yet has shown disgust or revulsion. I

Barry [Brodkey's doctor]. who is very able and very experienced, is surprised that I am not more depressed. He says cheerfully that I am much more upset than I realise. He credits some of the medicines with shielding me, my mood, and warms me that severe unhappiness is coming, but so far it hasn't come. I have resisted it, I suppose. And my wife is with me every moment. I feel cut off from old age, it's true, but that's not like someone young feeling cut off from most of his or her possible life.

I wanted to make a defiant gesture at Aids. The disease and its coercions were contemptible. I figured that later on I would make friends with it while it killed me, but not yet. This performance startled Ellen, who assumed that I

She left her husband for me. She walked out on everything. No one backed her but her children. That first night in the hospital she tried to make up her mind that it was all worth it, but such matters are hard to resolve when you're alone. She tells me that she felt terrified and lost. She insists that she regrets nothing. She cried when she learnt that she was clear of the virus; she said it depressed her to be so separated from me. And I felt that if I had Aids, she had the right, perhaps the duty, to leave me: my having that disease suspended all contracts and emotions — it was beyond sacrament and marriage. It represented a new state, in which we did not exist. What we were had been dissolved. Perhaps the sacrament remained, but it was between her and her beliefs now: care wasn't, in my view, owed to me any more. I wasn't me, for one thing. And she had suffered enough.



"In the hospital, I could not rest without Ellen's protection or eat or drink or go to the john without her help. It is not so different from being in love, this dependence, it is exaggerated, yet not unfamiliar

It is odd to think of actual ated, fate as being in constant motion inside you. How badly suited I am for having a fate only Ellen knows. How damaged my body is by the virus only will become apparent at my death. The fundamental situation is all clarity and obscurity: a doomed boxing virus that can have no real sense of the identity of its opponent and yet which, in its micro-ignorance, must win. It eats you alive. There is a tube in your nose, medicines drip and dissolve through the needles in your arms, partly banishing the spectre of death; it peers at you from the dark corners of the room. One is something of a child again, afraid of the dark again.

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LATE WINTER I remember one night after leaving the hospital last spring, and we were in the living hands and watching television, Elasked, for the first time since we

I looked her in the face and said does that possibly matter now? And: "Ellen, I feel too disgusting, too subhuman to talk about love. And I've told you: I feel everything is occur-ring in a flat world, without dimension, without future, without colour. Obviously I Obviously I love and admire you. But I am an object of

She cried when she

virus

care about what you do.

en. I don't want to kiss anyone . . .

ing you. You don't smell." Then she tried another line of connection belearnt I had Aids: "Do you love

tween her world and mine: Tell me you love me." "Why? Do you think I'm dying? You think we'd better have a full farewell now?" "No. Of course not. I just

want to know. I want you to tell me." "Because of the Aids? Because I'm so sick?" (The because being a way of hiding

in spite of.) I just want to know." "Of course I love you. So what? Love won't inspire the white cells." She was trying to cure me. "Shhh, I know that." she said. I could feel her knowledge in me like a small, clear, delicate motion of the

air, a response to the shame

and apology in me. She moved

"Will you kiss tended I was sexy. The hollowness and greyness were em-"Ellen, I'm filthy with Aids. I have about it. "I'm a dead man," I said. I spoke in very slow me, hideous — hidmotion, and with what sympaeous wrigglers. I thy I could, leaving without wanting to and for her being left behind. "I love you. I ' smell to high heav-

always loved you." and of a refusal to be apologetic meant I believed her, that I mattered, that I was not quite dead. The course and conduct of the illness, how I looked -

all of it might have driven me mad with nervous fear and self-concern, but I judged my condition by watching her. And by teasing her. We hadn't had time to be this innocent with each other since I began publishing books. We hadn't had a time with so little ugliness in it.

We had our moments. They occurred throughout the day but came to a climax of sorts each evening as we lay side by side and held hands and watched television, with one of us savine: "This is really OK, right? I'm not imagining it?"
The other would say: "No.

you're not imagining it. I feel OK, too." "I feel really shitty, but stand? - I haven't often been this happy, I said one

evening.
"I know. It's so strange," Ellen said. "I'd give it up really terrible," she said in her omnipotent angel voice. This is really terri-

ble," she said in her omnipotent mother voice. "Tell me that you love me," she said in her lonely, ordinary, wounded, woman's voice.

SUMMER 1994

This morning, on what may be one of my last visits to our country house, when I drove into town to get the paper, saw a man who was my height and built something like me, but he was about 35, and healthy. For a second it was as if I had been split down the middle by an axe. Ellen looks well today, even

radiant. It is the fresh air and the garden. From my study window, I can see her working; her light vigour and dexterity and strength are

'I was nappy, over the

burning illness'

everything but sympathy - and waiting. Well, she shows affection and amusement. I can make her cry by saying: "Don't ask me about the attic fan: do it the way you want it." With the implication.

ing quite moves me

at her, she masks

of course, that I won't be here. The book is always closing. OCTOBER 25, 1995

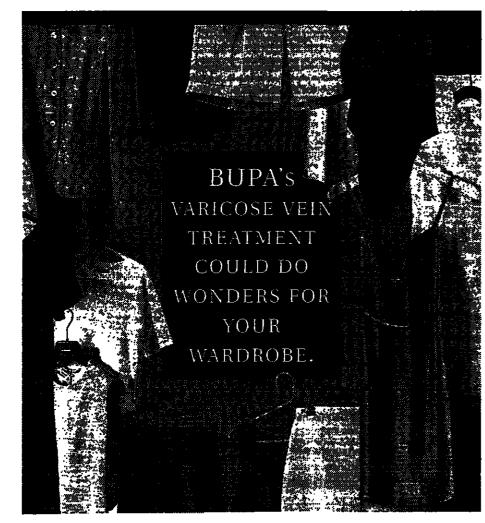
It is my birthday. For the first time in my adult life, it matters to me that the age I have reached is a specific number. I am 65, but it is not so much that I am 65 as the idea of birth

shocking. How and near old age and now death. I do not know at what speed I am moving towards my death. Strange alterations of the self occur: a hope of cure, a half-belief in treatments.

I have started to die again. I by I don't know made a recovery, but then what anything collapsed, it is unbelievably costs Ellen any strange to live when things are more. When I look over I did apologise to Ellen once. I said I was sorry, really sorry, to be so much work, and she said: "Harold, you were always this much work. All that is different is that I give you meals in bed and I cry

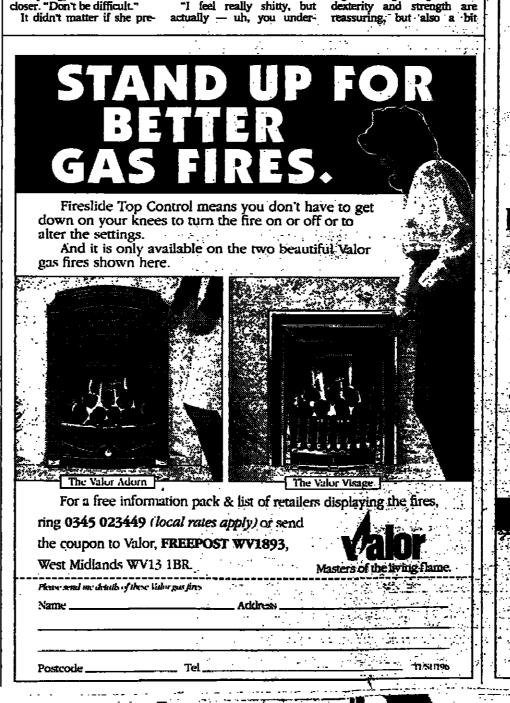
when you are in pain." And I am still writing, as you see. I am practising make ing entries in my journal recording my passage into non-existence. This identity, this mind, this particular cast of speech, is nearly over.

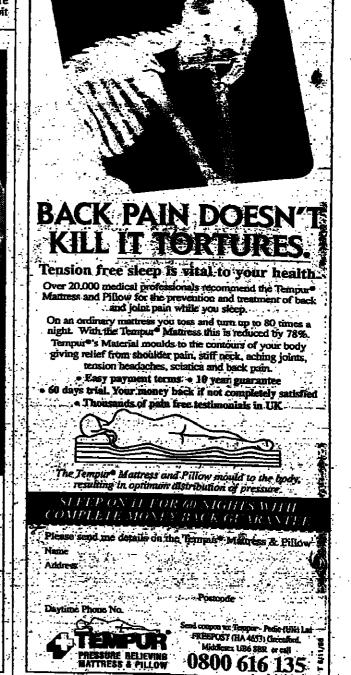
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Courage needed for a hard and brutal business

THE actual business of fighting has always been brutal and upglamorous, and it provides poets with some of their greatest challenges. Before the invention of gunpowder, fighting men had to be strong and powerful because their personal sur-vival depended upon their ferowess with their weapons in hand-to-hand fighting. The one quality which a soldier has to show is courage. He does not have to be particularly dever - in fact positive disadvantage, as Wilfred Owen pointed out — or imaginative: "Dullness best solves the tease and doubt of shelling." But what a soldier needs above all is steadfastness under fire, es-

are falling about him. The invention of gunpowder transformed warfare. It neant that death could be delivered from a distance

pecially when his colleagues

and, perhaps, the most strik-ing example was in the Gulf War with the programming of Cruise missiles hundreds of miles away from their targets in Baghdad.

I have chosen, however, two poems which predate the invention of gunpowder. They both come from Homer's The Iliad - the greatest of war poems. The first is in a modern and free translation by Christopher Logue, describing the death of Thestor, and I think that it captures brilliantly the physical violence and sheer pace of the heat of battle. The second is by George Chapman, who published his famous translation in loll I think it is the greatest translation — Keats got it right in On First Looking into Chapman's Homer. It is a disgrace that it is not possible to buy it today.

KENNETH BAKER

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CHRISTOPHER LOGUE

from War Music: An Account of Books 16 to 19 of Homer's Iliad

Fate's sister, Fortune, favours those Who keep their nerve. Thestor was not like this. He lost his head, first; then his life. His chariot bucked too slow over the rutted corpses, And as Patroclus drew abreast of him, The terrified boy let the horses baulk, Leaving the reins to flow beside the car. And cowered in its varnished basket,

They passed so close that hub skinned hub. Ahcad. Patrocius braked a shade, and then, and eracefully as men in oilskins cast Sake insects over trout, he speared the boy,

And with his hip his pivot, prised Thestor up and out As easily as later men detach A sardine from an opened tin.

HOMER

from The Iliad, Book XI

Then to the extremest heat of fight he did his valour turn. And led a multitude of Greeks, where foot did foot subdue, Horse slaughter'd horse, Need feather'd flight, the batter'd

In clouds of dust about their ears, rais'd from the horses

That beat a thunder out of earth as horrible as Jove's. The king, persuading speedy chace, gave his persuasions way With his own valour, slaught ring still, as in a stormy day

In thick-set woods a ravenous fire wraps in his fierce repair The shaken trees, and by the roots doth toss them into air; Even so beneath Atrides' sword flew up Troy's flying heels. Their horse drew empty chariots, and sought their thund ring

some fresh directors through the field, where least the pursuit

Thick fell the Trojans, much more sweet to vultures than their

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Nineties woman looks as if she can deal with anything from modelling lambing'



Fat has no place in the fantasy world of fashion, where only thin, beautiful models can cast an ethereal spell, says **Mary Quant**

terrible romour hit the fashion field last week - Condé Nast Lais starting a new fashion magazine, using fat models. This is a bit like hearing that champagne will have no bubbles. Fashion models are not real, just as real people are not models. Fashion may be for everybody. but modelling fashion is not. Fashion begins as a fantasy and dream, which only be-

comes real by everyday use. So I found it a huge relief to see that Encore, the new magazine, is simply a very good advice service and advertisement by Evans, the outsize store for outsize women or for those going through a fat

patch. I, personally, like myself thin. I hate it when I get fat. We know a great deal about diet and exercise these days, so why should we be fat? Just leave out the butter and bacon and be as greedy as you like with everything else, like olive oil, parma ham, vegetables, garlic, pasta, rice, fresh par-mesan and fruit.

French women have always understood how and why to be slim. They even manage to avoid adolescent fat to stay healthy and slender. Mothers pass body awareness on to their daughters. You

may see French women enjoying enormous family lunches - but later that day they will have avocado and oranges for

supper. There is no doubt that women are getting big-ger, thanks to the Pill, better nutrition and health, exercise, sport and probably sheer confidence. But bigger need not mean fatter. The advice in Encore is very good if one is going. through a fat patch waiting until you get

Women have always been good at rearranging their shape to fit the fashion ideal of the moment. As style changes. so we move, talk, and even sit in different ways to emulate it.

In the Forties fashion was controlled; one only has to think of Celia Johnson's Brief Encounter voice - dry, clipped -and hair. Shoes were neat and intellectual. thighs were long and the knees sat together. The Forties model was lean and

By the Fifties, the dream model took on the hourglass shape of Brigitte Bardot, with a round bosom, bottom and pout. She was curvy but never fat — she did not sit down but leapt about.

The Sixties model became a thin child-woman, who stalked on boots and stood with legs astride, head down and with a faintly affected knock-kneed pose known as the "wet-knicker stance". Hair was Vidal Sassoon geometric, eyes sooty and enormous, and there was little emphasis on the mouth.

In the Seventies the ideal model had lemon-yellow, long, wispy hair, wore fluid crepey flaring clothes and always sat cross-legged on the floor. She was vegetarian and thin and lived on carrots and slimming pills.

Then in the late Seventies the fashion world had a change of focus. It was about this time that I first saw the photographer Jimmy Wormser use women athletes to model clothes. I thought they looked wonderfully attractive and sexy; I realised he had something there. I had also begun to notice that women



Stella Tennant epitomises today's beauty

athletes were becoming sexier. are models for? They bring and then I realised that our viewpoint had changed. The fashion world's ideal had become sporty, chic and sexy well-trained, oiled female muscles had become the rage. As a follow-on, the Eighties

model woman had to have big shoulders and a working woman's briefcase. She was a company executive who sat with her legs crossed and went to the gym. Now we are in the Nineties,

we have found a balance at last. Models have sporting, athletic silhouettes and wear delicious feminine fabrics which are long, lean and minimalist. A Nineties woman sits with her legs well apart and leans back.

The Nineties ideal of beauty is epitomised by the model Stella Tennant. She is all class and good bones, and waves at street fashion with a ring in her nose and her navel.

Her erogenous zone is a delicious gap of perfection between her waist and hipster pants, and her hair is plastered to the head except for a chunk at the back, which looks as if it has been struck by light-ning. She has a wonderfully arrogant look, as if to say she can deal with anything from modelling to lambing. Every ten years or so.

those of us who work in the fashion world go through a phase of re-jecting thin models. Why use them, we argue, when all they do is remind everyone else that they are fat? So we photograph clothes flat on the floor, or drape them over tailor's dummies, or dangle them from coat hangers. But in no time at all

we find ourselves wanting thin, beautiful models back, because they cast an ethereal spell on even the simplest clothes. After all, what

romance and magic to simple, elegant clothes and transfer their confidence to us, so we are encouraged just to try the clothes or buy them. If a dress is beautifully cut and made, it will work on almost any body shape, and will make the wearer feel and look terrific. A black polo-neck sweater will be all the better because you saw it photographed on Linda

Models are to the rest of us what racehorses are to the equine world. Their bones stick out in the right places in a satin sheath dress. They achieve the impossible arch of the back and curve of the rump, which makes a tweed suit look ravishing, and the gloss and sheen of their flesh and curve of their nipples make even a cotton T-shirt look like gossamer.

aving worked with so many top photographic models over the years, I know they are just as beautiful with rollers in their hair and no trappings at all. I am permanently grateful for their generosity and wit, as well as their beauty.

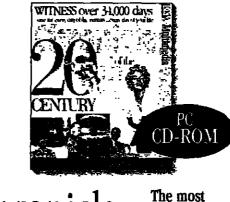
Models in fashion magazines teach us how to use fashion for ourselves. When we then buy those same clothes we make them unique, part of ourselves.

I get enormous fun from fashion magazines. I love spotting the subtle differences in French, British and Japanese Marie Claires. But this is different from the terrific pleasure I have as a designer, when I see my own clothes. make-up and swimsuits worn by an individual woman, who wears them in her own way with style and ease, whatever her size.

I do not think the ideal beauty of the future will ever be fat. Instead, I believe that she will have big breasts and become taller than men. She will have a perfect decorative finish, and she will be surreal.



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Blueprint for a region at peace

Malcolm Rifkind outlines his initiative for the Middle East

am visiting the Middle East at a time of great tension, but also of opportunity. In my meetings with the Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, and the Palestinian President, Yassir Arafat, I have put forward six points which would help to restore momentum to the peace process.

First we need a deal about Hebron. That is why I visited the city on Sunday: to symbolise British and international support for a final agreement on Israeli redeployment as an essential first step in reviving the peace process. That must lead to fulfilment of the other obligations in the interim agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. We are seeking a commitment from Israel to redeploy troops elsewhere on the West Bank and to reopen the border between Israel and Gaza to

facilitate economic activity. In parallel we need to see the reopening of the "final status" talks. These cannot avoid the hard issues, such as Palestinian self-determination and the status of Jerusalem. Nor should either side seek to preempt the negotiations by excluding anything that is crucial to the other side, such

as the Palestinian desire for statehood. Peace and security are not alternatives, but two sides of the same coin. Diminish one, and the whole currency is

degraded. In all this, the Palestinians will need to continue to

show moderation, respect for democratic principles and dedication to the path of negotiation. There can be no place for extremists or violence. The aim must be a comprehensive peace, with the Syrian and Lebanese negotia-

I have met the EU's new envoy to the Middle East, and I urge the parties to co-operate with him. The EU wants to complement America's work, not to compete with it. The international community also has a role in promoting stability in the Gulf. That means opposing acts of aggression by Saddam Hussein of Iraq. I recognise that the Iraqi people are suffering as a result of sanctions and I deeply regret this, but relaxing the sanctions without Iraq's full compliance with the relevant UN resolutions would not help. Saddam Hussein would devote his resources not to feeding his people, but to rebuilding his military machine. That is why. last year, we devised Resolution 986, the so-called "oil for food scheme. Iraq is still obstructing its implementa-tion. I can only look forward to the day when Iraq is no longer ruled by a regime that ignores international obligations and brutalises its people. Such an Iraq would need international

isolation could then end. We must also keep watch on Iran. Although it professes a wish to play a constructive role, its actions tell a different story. Iran's development of weapons of mass destruction, its opposition to Middle East peace, and its support for terrorist groups all make it

hard to contemplate normal relations. Yet we have not sought to isolate Iran. With our European partners we are engaged in a critical dialogue, trying to bring about an improvement in Iran's policies. We have seen some small changes, but the results so far are deeply disappointing.

The region's varied prob-

in Europe we have learnt how regional co-operation can heal the distrust between former enemies through bodies such as the European Union, Nato, the Western European Union and the Council of Europe, each with its separate purpose and membership. But we have also learnt the value of having a comprehensive body in which every nation can come together on a basis of equality to work on problems which affect them. The Confer-

ence on Security and Co-operation in ice-breaker, has Organisation for eration in Europe, a vehicle for co-opera-

There would be clear benefits in establishing flicts and in building confi

n Organisation for Cooperation in the Middle East would not be a substitute for the essential work of the peace process. There must be no diversion from that. The relationship between Israel and the Palestinians, like those between Israel and Syria and Lebanon. will have to be worked out bilaterally. But one natural function for such an organisation would be to support and

an Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East, and we are discussing it with our friends in the region and elsewhere. It would help to ensure peace, progress and stability in the Middle East, objectives that are crucial to British interests as well as to

The author is the Foreign Secretary.

lems challenge the international community. To deal with them, we need to encourage co-operation between all the countries of the region, the Arab states, Turkey and Israel, with the help of friends outside, such as Britain, France, the United States and others. We need a structure comprehensive in its membership and wide-ranging in its

We need an Europe, initially an overarching evolved into the Security and Co-option over a very co-operation wide area indeed.

structure to

encourage

what might be called an Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East. This would provide a forum for dialogue and active collaboration, for lowering barriers and improving links. Such an organisation would evolve, rather than spring fully-fledged into existence. It could play a role in resolving condence, in fighting the causes of terrorism and building the sort of economic and political networks that prevent conflict and reduce the risks of terrorism. I would expect that in due course countries such as Iraq and Iran to find their places in such an organisation, once their behaviour permitted it.

build on the peace process.

I have launched the idea of

those of its inhabitants.



Gunpowder and Currie

onight the smoke will drift from suburban and village gardens; at least, from the gardens of those stout-hearted traditionalists who refuse to give up a real date for the bland conve-nience of the nearest weekend. There will be fretful bonfires, lit by chaps who never normally handle wood from one year's end to the next. There will be fewer Guys than there used to

be, owing to the anxious squeamish-

ness of our times and a sneaking

sense that given the state of Parlia-

ment, the man with the fizzing fuse more or less said it for all of us. There will be potatoes in jackets, rockets on sticks, gold volcanoes and Catherine wheels which promptly fall off the fence and writhe furiously among the moribund stalks of summer. Dogs and cats will peer balefully out from windows; young children will run around in woolly hats, older ones recite the Firework Code censoriously to parents whom

they consider irresponsible, if not

ctually drunk. As families and friends join forces, each cook bearing the ritual salad in a tinfoil dish, there will be oohs and aahs, some of them satirical, at the ineptly fizzing display; the leading father, reading-glasses balanced on his nose and torch between his teeth, will painstakingly read out the hallowed words "Light blue touchpaper and retire". Whereon someone from his office will shout 'About time too!" with a proper sense of ritual, as befits the oldest joke of autumn.

All very peaceful and traditional. An Englishman's home would not be his castle unless, every Fifth of November, he could enact this curious half-hearted rite of Pooterish mayhem in his own back garden. Which is why Edwina Currie, MP, was way off beam when she said on the morning after the death of the head teacher David Hattersley that-"private firework parties really ought no longer to be possible. She advocated public displays, "properly run by people who are qualified and licensed to do them. I know," she added kindly, "that is a very authoritarian way of doing things, but I am horrified that a man like David Hattersley should have lost

So are we all, Mrs Currie; our horror was compounded later that very day when Steve Timcke was killed in front of his children by another large firework, and a third Fireworks can and do kill, but that

is no reason to ban them from

our back gardens. On the contrary

man was knocked unconscious by an exploding rocket. There is a particular and unique horror in accidents which result from attempts to have fun (I myself used to have nightmares in the days when my brother regular-ly parachuted in a gorilla-suit at fairs, waving a banana; if anything had gone wrong, the gorilla-suit would definitely have made it worse). And so much of this particular kind of horror has already marred the nostalgic foolishness of Guy Fawkes week 1996 that Mrs Currie will undoubtedly find supporters.

Indeed, there is a real risk of her finding so many that one of boxes of fireworks will not appear in the shops at all and we shall be restricted to official displays. Assuming, of course, that there are enough "qualified and licensed*

people to run them, all in the same week, all over the country. This may not be as simple a matter as Mrs Currie airily suggests: the trouble with big communal displays in the park is that you have to have big fireworks or nobody can see properly. and it is impossible for local individuals - as some in the trade itself, such as Mr Deeker of Pains, have pointed out - to find a training scheme suitable for the needs of a person who sets off five or six big fireworks once a year. Nor can trading standards officers check up properly on whom such big "public" fireworks are sold to, because there is no easily produced proof that the buyer knows his fuse from

Unless it is so large that the organisers can afford several thousand pounds for professional pyrotechnicians, the communal event — the middle-sized neighbourhood display of the kind that half-baked safety campaigns have tended to approve of — is these days probably far more dangerous than a smaller private one in the back garden.

Poor Mr Hattersley was killed while actually conducting a community, school-based firework display, which is presumably why he was using an appropriately large and powerful firework — so that everyone would have a good view; which is why those enormous and dodgy Chinese imports are on easy general

The paradox is that Mrs Currie could have made a better case by saying that apart from a few showpieces in large cities, only garden firework displays should be allowed, since their fun lies in more modest and less dangerous pyrotechnics of the

Kanci Which only. hurt you when you fail to follow the simple Firework Code. Then we could sweep the public shelves clear of the big mortars and bombs and have done with it.

There would still be genuinely professional showpieces for those who want to travel to them; otherwise the back gardens would fizz and smoke and pop with cosy domestic fireworks fit for audiences of two dozen at most. But there would be no deceptively "safe" middle way: not the remotest risk of a responsible, careful but untrained pillar of the community ever handling an 81b explosive in a mortar tube.

weeping the suspect big-bangers off the shelves is an obvious priority anyway. There has been a major failure of care for public safety in this odd, once-a-year industry. Whether it was predominantly because of EU trade rules, as some claim, or just out of a general gay sense of deregulation, the changes made in 1993 and 1994 to import licences and rules have led, in the opinion of every despairing expert, to the arrival in Britain of immense numbers of big quasiprofessional fireworks from the Far East. Some have instructions only in Chinese; some not only breach British safety regulations but are so dangerous the Chinese themselves don't put them on general sale.

Moreover, as campaigners for firework safety - and the trade have pointed out over the past few days, the regulations that do exist are so slack that there is not even a system in place under which the authorities that see consignments into the country at, say, Felixstowe, have to inform the health and safety authorities in the region - say, Yorkshire - where the firm they are destined for is based. So these things flow unimpeded, in the name of free trade and consumer choice, into a country which is so innocent, so impractical, so accustomed to being nannied by safety laws, that even intelligent buyers have not the faintest idea of what they are getting into.

Both of the fireworks which killed at the weekend were of a type that should be detonated electronically, from a distance, by people who have expertise in handling explosives. That they were in the hands of lay abiding laymen with a packet of safety matches is patently ridiculous. Yet the very reason for our innocence and vulnerability in this respect is that we used to have some of the toughest and most effective firework safety rules in the world; if the sideeffect of an EU law turns out to be the mass import of lethal Chinese explosives, it is surely a stupid law and one which our Government should have

resisted strenuously. So regulate imports and sales of freakish, untried, oversized fireworks rather than clamping down, a la Currie, on innocent, convivial private behaviour. If we were not forever being urged by the well-meaning to abandon our back-garden revels because we are not fit to handle Golden Rain, and to traipse down the road to a community event which is of necessity bigger and showier, there would not be the absurd arms-race which has led to the popularity of

dodgy Oriental whizz-bangs. It is fitting to mourn the victims of bad luck and of an overenthusiastic free market; fitting also to goad the Department of Trade to get a move on with its laggard review of imports. Nonetheless, have a good festival of fire tonight. Enjoy, with a clear conscience and a long taper, the heady once-a-year status of hero daddy who makes the sky light up. Even if the children are too old and blase to appreciate Golden Rain, the

Wealthy enough to gamble

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Anatole Kaletsky

says Major won't have Clinton's luck

The slogan that supposedly ex-plained Bill Clinton's first pres-idential election victory passed into political mythology as soon as the votes were counted in November 1992: "It's the economy, stupid." Four 1992: "It's the economy, stupid." Four years ago, Americans were feeling poor, insecure and fed up with their underperforming economy. So they booted out George Bush. Now America is enjoying a dream combination of full employment, low inflation and sound public finance. Against this background, Mr Clinton would be sure of victory even if his opponent sure of victory even if his opponent were not Bob Dole but Abe Lincoln.

That, at least, is the conventional wisdom. And it offers some comfort to the Tories in Britain. Britain may not be doing quite as well as America. but it is enjoying a healthy combinabut it is enjoying a healthy combina-tion of rising incomes, low inflation, falling unemployment and decent growth. If a healthy economy guar-antees Mr Clinton a victory today, why not John Major next year? Labour politicians have a pat answer: the premise is false. The British economy is not healthy at all. Voters know that even if incomes are

Voters know that even if incomes are rising, the Tories are giving away the seedcorn of investment on which future prosperity should be built. Without a long disquisition on Bill ain's economic prospects, let me record my view: Labour's analysis is bunkum; Britain's economy is healthier than it has been for many years (which does not make it immune from sabotage by blunders such as Kenneth Clarke's decision to raise

interest rates).

How then do we explain the paradox? Both Bill Clinton and John Major were elected in 1992. Since then Mr Clinton has ridden America's economic revival to victory, but

Mr Major has sunk to record depths of unpopularity, even while the economy has palpably improved.

The likely explanations are not encouraging for British Tories. Voters are too sensible to assume that governments are responsible for everything happening in the econ-omy. They judge politicians on the issues and principles that seem to move them — not just on raw economic numbers.

Mr Clinton worked hard from the start of his presidency to be identified with the economic issue that Americans considered most important jobs. Although he did not directly control the Federal Reserve Box monetary policy, he appointed artistlate pro-growth Keynesian economists to important positions in the Fed, the Treasury and the White House. By doing this he was able to take credit for prosperity and growth.

Mr Major latched onto a very dif-

ferent economic issue, inflation. which now leaves British voters cold. As a result, very few voters connect rising prosperity with the Tories, especially since the turning of the economic tide immediately followed the apparent abandonment of Mr Major's ann-inflationary policies, when Britain left the exchange-rate mechanism.

ut why was Mr Major unable to reinvent himself as an advocate of growth and jobs in the four years after White Wednesday? Part of the explanation undoubtedly lies in the dominance of monetarist dogma in Mr Major's thinking. But there may also be a deeper reason. Right-wing politicians are in their natural element during periods of hardship and financial crisis, while left-wing politicians find it easier to operate in prosperous times. When the economy is healthy, people are more inclined to share their prosperity with the less well off and to take some risks by electing flamboyant politicians committed to social change. It is during crises that cautious bean-counters like Mr Major come into their own.

Every Labour government since Ramsay MacDonald's first administration in 1924 has been elected during a period of economic growth and declining unemployment. The same has been broadly true in America, where Democrats have usually been swept into office on a tide of optimism, while Republicans have often benefited from fear and gloom. We now know that the American economy had already passed its turning point by the time Bill Clinton arrived at the White House in 1993. Indeed, revised economic figures

have shown that America's economic performance in the the last year of the Bush Administration was not at all bad - growth in the last quarter before the election was revised up from 2.7. to 3.9 per cent - and Republicans have cursed their luck for losing an election they ought to have won "on the economics".

But perhaps the opposite was true. Perhaps the American voters sensed the economic improvement and perhaps that was why they decided to risk a change from a dour Republican to a colourful Democrat. In their bones, Americans may already have started to feel more confident, better off and more willing to take political risks. Perhaps the same thing happened in Britain in the period after White Wednesday, when Britain is love affair with Labour began. If sa faster economic growth could actual ly help Labour more than the Government. Perhaps the Tories should try a new slogan: "It's not the economy, stupid."

Top brass

SHOULD you notice a military snap in the step of Malcolm Rifkind dapper Foreign Secretary. silk and Territorial Army enthusiast, it may be down to the success of his diplomatic mission to the Middle East. More probably, however, it will be due to an honour conferred rarely on civilians by the

Rifkind has been appointed an honorary colonel of an army regiment, an accolade not accorded any Cabinet minister in recent memory. He takes over from Brigadier Brian Charles Ridley as Honorary Colonel 162 Movement Control Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers), based in Grantham.

In an internal memo, the ministry hastens to point out Rifkind's strong involvement in the Territorial Army during his period as Defence Secretary: "He increased their role in operational tasks; he maintained the size of the TA despite pressure to axe it; he produ-

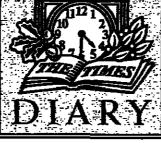
ced the White Paper on the TA." He also has his own uniform. with shiny brass buttons and spitand-polish hoots; and he has never shirked ceremonial dinner duties. But whether the Foreign Secrein the mud of Salisbury Plain with management consultants playing bang-bang at the weekends, remains uncertain. My guess is that he would find it all too grubby.

 Slices of smoked salmon lay untouched vesterday morning at the breakfast launch of Encore, a magazine in support of the fuller female form. But chocolate eclairs. Danish pastries and butter-laden croissants disappeared before you could say Double-D cup" as guests, including Vanessa Feltz and TV's fat lady Jennifer Paterson, weighed in lustily.

Wires crossed

AS Remembrance Sunday approaches, yachties on the BT Global Challenge boat in Rio de Janeiro, Pause to Remember (decorated with poppies and supported by the Royal British Legion), have been doing their best to maintain a

profile for the charity.
On arriving in Rio a far from distinguished twelfth, they hit the town and its convivial bars. Emotional from the voyage and tired



from a night's drinking, they then decided to take their boat out again — against the rules of the competition. Within a couple of flaps of the sail, they had inflicted some minor damage to their yacht and returned dejectedly to port. There they met the race director Chay Blyth, who gave them a lashing worse than any transatlantic

Canned

ONE of Oxford's last all-male institutions has tumbled. The Canning Club, the oldest University essay society, is to admit women. A fogeyish conservative body, the Canning has met for 150 years to discuss an essay presented by one of its members fuelling up regularly with claret. Former members his second term as Abbot, oversee-include Lord Curzon, Lord Hailing the monks in the community.

sham of St Marylebone, William Waldegrave and a whole range of embryonic Tory grandees.

"Anybody who was anyone was a member of the Canning or its rival the Chatham in my day," said Hailsham. "I suppose admitting women is a perfectly natural progression.

Unsurprisingly, the moving force behind this revolution is none other than the American graduate student, Clifford Potter. Keen Diary readers will remember that earlier this year, Potter, the heir to a Midwestern dry goods fortune, tried to update Oxford's Bullingdon club, making it more like an American fraternity. The plan collapsed. As one of Potter's contemporaries puts it, "in the wake of Potter lies nothing but shards."

Ample time

HABIT-SWAPPING is the vogue at the moment at Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire, where the present Abbot, Patrick Barry, has announced he will be stepping down from his post in March. Now 78, Barry has been at Ampleforth man and boy. Since arriving at the school aged 11, he has only ever left

for three years in Oxford. He is currently halfway through



The favourite to succeed him is the present Headmaster of Ampleforth College, Father Dominic Warner.

Who he? 🐇

OBSCURE American cultural references have been popping up in the Prime Minister's remarks most recently his comparison of Tony Blair to the fictional character Elmer Gantry, as reported in this newspaper yesterday. Gantry was an evangelist preacher prone to fiery sermonising, but later ex-

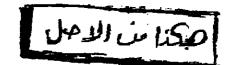


Major and Lancaster: soulmates

posed as a fraud and hustler. The Prime Minister's reference to Elmer Gantry can be explained by his obsession with Burt Lancaster. On screen, Gantry was played by Lancaster, one of his screen idols. As an unemployed boy in Brixton. Major would idle away the afternoons in the cinema, repeatedly watching The Flame and the Arrow, in which Lancaster played an athletic rebel leader in

medieval Italy.

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OXFORD'S BUSINESS

The core task is to preserve excellence, not grass

The dons' parliament, or Congregation, of Oxford University votes today on a proposal

As If It Were a Huge Dirigible. But if the to build the headquarters of its Business School on a playing field close to the heart of the university. Although Oxford has the opportunity of housing one of the world's leading business schools in the next century, the development is only possible because of a E20m donation from the Syrian-born businessman Wafic Said. A vocal coalition of ions and students argue that Mr Said's affoney is contaminated by his involvement in arms deals, that business studies are superficial and unscholarly and that the university will break an undertaking to keep the site free of buildings. None of these arguments survives examination.

Universities should not take money generated by evidently immoral or unethical activities. But no such charge has been levelled, let alone proved, against Mr Said. Oxford should not refuse his donation on the grounds that a minority of its staff and students dislike the arms industry. Mr Said's implacable critics might recall that the university's past benefactors have not always been saints. In his day, the controversial Cardinal Wolsey cannot have seemed the donor made in heaven; yet his college remains one of Oxford's best-endowed. Does anybody now worry how Cecil Rhodes made the £3.3 million which he gave the university. in 1903, financing the Rhodes scholarships? The outbreak of academic snobbery directed at business education is the most foolish and disgraceful aspect of the university's debate. The worst management education may be superficial statements of the blindingly obvious expressed in psychobabble. For the hard-working holder of an under-funded professorship in econo-metrics, it must indeed be infuriating to see management gurus making huge sums of money writing books with titles such as

entry barriers to the profession of management teaching are ridiculously low, the Oxford Business School's job is to raise them by example. The best business school should be a meeting point for economics, law, politics and ethics; Oxford's graduates will disperse to every area of public and private life.

To dismiss management education as "vocational education" is an ahistorical misunderstanding. When William of Wykeham founded New College in the 14th century, he created an institution to teach the key vocational management skill of the day. Latin. The director-designate of Oxford's 20thcentury business school, John Kay, is not a man known for tolerating technical gimmicks from the intellectual fringe.

The university authorities have been struggling to teach management studies since the 1960s; Congregation voted to establish a fully integrated Business School in 1990. The university rightly believes that the Business School can only make its full contribution from the university's heart, and that has meant a hard decision to sacrifice a playing field. No such price is ideal if a better alternative exists: but in this case none does. No categorical promise that the space would remain a green field seems to have been made. Oxford's purpose is to teach, not to preserve grass.

Mr Said's gift is an opportunity for Oxford to recover the mistake it made in refusing to house one of Britain's first two business schools in the 1960s. A decision against the Business School would probably mean the collapse of current plans and would drive future donors to other universities, and probably to other countries. The ancient fathers of Oxford would have voted to accept this donation - and so will those who care for the university's future.

THE ORDER OF THE BOOT

Bulgarians and Romanians tire of ex-Communist decay

As they stockpile cabbage heads and firewood against another winter of food shortages, power cuts, shrivelled family budgets and chaotic state finances, most voters in Bulgaria and Romania expect things to get worse before they can conceivably get better. In that depressing sense, the weekend's election results in both countries have changed nothing.

But in another, they are momentous. Chlike their Central European neighbours, Bulgaria and Romania never quite broke with Communism. The Stalinist dictators Todor Zhivkov and Nicolae Ceausescu were overthrown seven lean years ago. But except for a short period in Bulgaria, they have been succeeded by governments that were communist in all but name.

This new-old breed of politicians rebuilt the webs of patronage while playing on the fears of those lower down the ladder - the party hack's fear of retribution, or the worker's that his job will disappear along with the decaying and uneconomic state factories. It has taken until now for people to vote massively for change, deciding that whatever pain and uncertainty life under a genuinely free-market system might entail, nothing could be worse than socialist inefficiency and corruption coupled to halfhearted economic reforms.

In Bulgaria's presidential elections Petar Stoyanov, a straight-talking young lawyer whose head barely showed above the political parapet a year ago, has trounced Ivan Marazov, the scholarly ex-Communist put forward by the governing Socialist Party in a vain effort to convince voters that it was capable of reform. Constitutionally, he has ng more powers than had Zhelyu Zhelev, the Nolutely democratic outgoing President

who has fought a courageous rearguard action against the totalitarian tendencies of Zhan Videnoc's Government. But politically, it is a new game.

Mr Stoyanov cannot compel a general election, and none is due for two years. But so angry is the national mood, and so desperate the state of the economy, that the Government has been forced to admit that it has forfeited its political mandate. To survive this winter without massive unrest, it will have to borrow the President's democratic free-market clothes. When Mr Stoyanov prods the Government, it will have to jump - and even that may not save it for long.

President Ion Iliescu of Romania, Communism's great survivor who confidently expected his writ to run well into the next century, has had an even greater shock. A year ago the Opposition's 15-party Democratic Convention led by Emil Constantinescu looked hopelessly divided. Today, it is celebrating victory in both houses of parliament over the neo-Communists who have governed without a break since 1989. It did so by challenging Mr Iliescu's paternalistic "stability and continuity" platform with the kind of radical free-market "contract with Romania" that few observers thought the country's voters would be bold enough to buy. Mr Constantinescu enters the run-off campaign for the presidency with the wind in his sails and, although Mr Iliescu's chances cannot be written off, his days of uncontested power are over.

Bulgaria and Romania have been stranded in history's chilliest antercom, that reserved for ex-Soviet satellites whose rulers refuse to learn from the West. Their people have not escaped it yet; but they have kicked open the emergency exit.

VILE BADINAGE

Who would call his opponent Elmer Gantry, even in jest?

Tuny Blair's claim upon the mantle of moral Superiority clearly irritates John Major like nothing else. During the party conference season it seemed briefly that Mr Blair might have overreached himself at last in millennial rhetoric. But no: since then he has coopted the tragedy at Dunblane, embraced the manifesto of Frances Lawrence and successfully paraded his personal ethics and Christian beliefs. For a Prime Minister of famous decency and integrity, leading a party that has long liked to defend morality from godless socialists, it must be the

ultimate aggravation. Yes to compare Mr Blair to one of literature's best-known religious conmen, as political correspondents reported Mr Major as doing at the weekend, is surely a gibe too far. Maybe the Prime Minister's remark likening Mr Blair to Elmer Gantry was in just. Maybe, like all off-the record remarks made in the House of Commons tea-room, itwas never made. Maybe Mr Major was not recalling Gantry's bogus rhetoric, religious hypocrisy, fraud and philandering - all so devastatingly described in Sinclair Lewis's 1927 novel - but rather his senatorial bearing, musical voice and prowess on the biball field, all qualities which a friend might well attribute to the Opposition leader. Sadly, however, we must assume

that Mr Major was being unfriendly. Einer Gantry is one of the most monstrous of fictional phonies: even in his youth he could make Good Morning seem profound as Kant, welcoming as a brass

band and uplifting as a cathedral organ". By the end of the book, which helped Lewis to the first Nobel Literature Prize for an American in 1930, the fake preacher is still not unfrocked, is still pleading successfully for support from his congregation and is still eveing up the ankles of the new girl in the choir. His last words are: "Dear Lord, thy work is but begun! We shall yet make these United States a moral nation!"

Where might Britain's new moral drama lead us next? Who, for instance, will play the role of Rev Chadband, Charles Dickens's precursor to Elmer Gantry, who gave poor Jo so bad a time in Bleak House? Chadband is younger and more attractive, but has all the same oleaginous qualities of the preach-

ing politician. Gummer, perhaps? While Gantry utterly dominates the book that bears his name, he has a half-rival in the ghastly female evangelist, Sharon Falconer, who is loosely based on the real American preaching phenomenon, Aimee Semple McPherson. Evelyn Waugh chose the same thrice-married Mrs McPherson for the immortal character of Mrs Melrose Ape in Vile Bodies. Is Gillian Shephard ready for that role? Would Jack Straw dress in drag?

Some readers may, of course, remember the politician who was sharing the voyage across the ocean with Mrs Ape and her badtempered "angels". He was a powerful man "in an uneasy trance", a man of notable diffidence and liability to panic. His name was the Rt Hon Walter Outrage, MP, and he was "last week's Prime Minister".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Prospect of international military intervention in Zaire

From Mr John Snodgrass

Sir, The horrific "ethnic" killings in the former Yugoslavia were only stemmed when UN action became armed, and later when Nato forces were freed from a purely reactive role.

Those responsible for genocide in Rwanda (leading article, November 2) could have been halted two years ago, at comparatively little cost, by a small, disciplined armed force, as could be the "armies" now fighting in eastern

Everyone familiar with the area knows this, and knows that the appal-ling human tragedies will go on at least until the Hutu terrorist leaders in the camps are brought to heel. For it is they, far more than the Tutsi-led Government in Rwanda, who are preventing the refugees from returning.

The unfortunate aid workers cannot control these leaders, and, for a variety of reasons, the Zairean Army is not doing so either. An international conference, as proposed by the Arch-bishop of Canterbury and the Moder-ator of the Free Church Federal Council (letter, October 30), would be able to achieve little of permanent value unless it were prepared to grasp the nettle of military intervention.

Of course, such intervention, even with African participation, would risk being denounced as interference in internal affairs, if not neo-colonialism,

Sir, Lord Healey weighs in with the

gratuitous comment that Mr Gordon

Brown lacks governmental experience

(report, November I).

I seem to recall that Denis Healey

had no governmental experience

when he became, arguably, the best Secretary of State for Defence since the Second World War. His brilliant

and unbroken period at the Ministry

of Defence lasted some six years, thus

giving him the governmental experi-

ence he originally lacked. Mr Brown

can hope for no less, perhaps.

Also, Mr Healey went straight from

Oxford to the Army and then to Trans-

port House as an official of the Labour

Party before entering Parliament.

This can hardly be regarded as gov-

ernmental experience; nor was it, in-

deed, so very different from an entire

political generation who subsequently

enjoyed the experience of Cabinet Of-

has acquired a very selective memory.

Sir, Is the Lord Healey who has re-

cently spoken disparagingly about the lack of ministerial experience of Sha-

dow Chancellor Gordon Brown any

relation to Denis Healey, the Labour

Chancellor who naively allowed him-

self in 1976 to be conned by politically

motivated Treasury officials into go-

ing cap-in-hand to the IMF for a loan,

only to discover in the following year,

when the 1976 public accounts had been completed, that his journey had

been totally unnecessary and that this

country hadn't at any time been any-

where near the state of bankruptcy

that prompted his humiliating experi-

(Parliamentary Private Secretary

to Denis Healey. 1968-70), Reform Club, Pall Mall, SWI.

Yours sincerely,

November 1.

ence?

Yours sincerely, ERNEST WOOD,

Fourwinds, Meldon,

Okehampton, Devon. October 31.

Getty complaint

From Mr Claus von Bülow

Sir, Mr Walsh, the Director of the

Getty Museum in Malibu, is reported (Arts, October 29) to complain about

the British Government's "bent" rules for the export of works of art. He does

not mention, but no doubt knows, that

the governments of continental Eur-

ope, such as the Greeks, the Italians

and the French, simply prohibit the export of works of art of the quality of

Canova's Graces or the Guercino by

As Mr Walsh's files must show.

works of lesser importance can from

time to time be exported from contin-

ental Europe by an offer to buy and

donate another work of art, which is

desired by the relevant ministry. This

is not illegal or corrupt, but somehow

the British Government may not find

that kind of bazaar bargaining very

Mr Walsh should be content to pro-

fit, as the late Mr Getty did, from the

the European Court imposes a rigid

prohibition on the export of all works

of art of the quality desired by the Get-

ty to date. Some people find that

works of art may be safer in "some

country house in Norfolk" (which Mr

Walsh uses as an example of the Gobi

desert) rather than in a Los Angeles

suburb, surrounded by forest fires

and located on top of the San Andreas

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degree of flexibility in the UK before

ALAN LEE WILLIAMS

From Mr Ernest Wood

Healey on Brown

From Mr Alan Lee Williams

and no Western country would happily accept the odium of pressing it. Without it, refugees will continue to be hounded; massacres will flare up with sickening frequency; aid workers will keep their wards alive only until the next crisis; and the camps will nurture discontent, at enormous cost, for de-

As so often in foreign policy, we have a choice of evils. But in this case, there can be little doubt which is the

Yours faithfully, JOHN SNODGRASS (Ambassador to Zaire, Rwanda and Burundi, 1980-83), The Barn House, North Warnborough, Hampshire. November 2.

From Professor Christopher

Sir, There is no case for international military intervention in Zaire, least of all by a state as discredited as France has become (report, November 4). through its propping up of the corrupt Mobutu dictatorship and its close association with the perpetrators of genocide in Rwanda. Still more basically, however, order

can only be restored in the Great Lakes region through the emergence of effective domestic regimes which are capable of governing responsibly, and thereby gaining the support of their people.

The emergence of the Museveni Government in Uganda from the wreckage left by Amin and his successors provides an excellent example of this process. The road to such an outcome may, as in Uganda, be long and often tragic. But it can only be length-ened by the incursion of foreign troops whose very presence - regardless of their motives, which may be admirable — only obstructs the development

of accountable local regimes. Even humanitarian aid may well be seized on, as has happened in eastern Zaire, by those who were principally responsible for the disaster in the first place, to strengthen their own control over local populations and perpetuate the suffering that they have caused.

There is a sense in the West that we have both the responsibility and the power to rectify the evident wrongs of the world which is understandable but misconceived, and in our attempts to do right we can easily find ourselves compounding the very problems that we are trying to solve. This is just such a case.

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER CLAPHAM, Lancaster University. Politics and International Relations, Cartmel College, Lancaster LAI 4YL. November 4.

demn the slap or cane must suggest

Sir, In my case, being at the receiving

end of a caning experience at the hands of my teacher, a Jesuit priest in

a school in Rangoon 56 years ago, was

very beneficial indeed - it made me

decide instantly that children should

never be made the victims of adult vio-

lence in whatever form it may be in-

I shall forever remain grateful to

that teacher for this decision. As a re-

sult of it I have two lovely and affect-

an effective alternative.

From Mr R. J. Mehta

Minterne, Dorchester, Dorset.

Yours faithfully,

DIGBY.

October 29.

The lessons of corporal punishment

From Lord Digby

Sir, When describing the effects of democracy in Athens, Plato wrote that with the introduction of Democratic freedom, so this freedom was extended to the home, where the father, not wishing to seem disagreeable, failed to discipline his son. As a result the son asserts his inde-pendence by not showing respect for his parents. The teacher in turn fears and panders to his pupils, who consequently des-

Why has it taken 2,400 years for this analysis to be proved so strikingly correct? I suggest that it is because our increasingly liberal civilisation has made us realise the futility of capital and corporal punishment, but has not provided any substitute. By being too civilised we are in fact undermining the very roots of our civilisation. Civilised behaviour is not a characteristic with which we are born, but it has to be instilled into us.

In previous ages the maxim of 'Spare the rod and spoil the child" was generally accepted, but undoubtedly this discipline was overdone. Now it is up to us to find a civilised alternative. This is fairly easy at an early age, but it gets progressively more difficult.

From birth, discipline can be instilled by feeding at regular hours, and. as William Rees-Mogg quoted John Locke (article. October 28) "little children should not be allowed to get their own way by crying, querulousness, bullying or repeated demands". A lov-ing slap can work with slightly older children, but when they become teenagers it is too late, as any deterrent

can become increasingly violent.

The prime responsibility for instilling civilised behaviour undoubtedly lies with parents, but those who con-

ionate grown-up daughters. Sincerely yours, RAJNIKANT J. MEHTA.

18 Leigh Court, Byton Hill Road

Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex. From Mr Michael O'Connor

Sir, Even the possibility that a "oncein-a-lifetime" caning at school may have set a boy on a course that led him to become Prime Minister (report. October 31) is the greatest advertisement for the efficacy of corporal nunishment recently printed.

That the same Prime Minister intends to deny such efficacious discipline to other children suggests that. like his brother, he could have done with a second one.

for his non-attendance and David

Maclean, Home Office Minister of

Yours faithfully MICHAEL O'CONNOR, 23 Holmfield Road, Leicester. November 2

Howard and the police

From the Chairman of the Joint Executive Committee. Metropolitan Police Federation

Sir, The confrontation at our recent annual open meeting ("Police jeer minister as he defends Howard's law and order record*, report, October 31) was occasioned not by the Home Secretary's policies but by the fact that, as the police authority for the Metropolitan Police, he has attended none of our annual open meetings. He has created his own small piece of history by being the only Home Secretary in modern times not to do so.

We have never had any explanation

State, knew exactly why he was jeered: it was because he attacked the audience from the outset and accused us of failing to support Howard's policies. Mr Maclean was aware of our concerns and our feeling of being snubbed yet again. If you orchestrate hostility by an audience you should not be surprised if you are jeered.

Yours sincerely. MIKE BENNETT, Chairman, Joint Executive Committee, Metropolitan Police Federation, Croydon Police Station. 71 Park Lane, Croydon, Surrey. November 1.

New prisons

From Mrs Ann Gray Sir, "Mr Howard said that career criminals calculated the risks they ran carefully and would be deterred by the threat of longer sentences" (report, later editions, October 26).

Why is he planning to build more prisons? Should he not be expecting to close some under his new sentencing policy?

Yours sincerely, ANN GRAY, 18 St Nicholas Gate, Hedon, Hull.

Fine defaulters

From Miss Juliet Hartridge

Sir. Charles Scott (letter, October 30) suggests that the Government allows single mothers in receipt of income support who fail to pay their television licences and who consequently face prosecution, to have free television lic-

It is not necessary to implement costly amendments to the income support regulations. This "humiliating and unnecessary fiasco" in the magistrates courts could be avoided if impecunious single mothers dispensed with their televisions.

Yours faithfully. J. C. HARTRIDGE, 37 Leathwaite Road, SWII. October 30.

Kwai bridge tourism From Mr Jonathan Bullock

Sir, The bridge over the River Kwai (or Kwae to be precise) may well have become a tourist attraction (report, October 31) but let us not exaggerate

I visited the bridge during the sum-mer and found it a focal point to understanding what a previous generation had to endure. The railway journey over the bridge

and through the "Death Valley" was a poignant reminder of the sheer scale of what the Allied prisoners were forced to achieve. Most organised tours also take in the war cemetery and reconstructed PoW huts at Kanchanaburi.

Indeed, those poor locals making a very small amount of money from visitors are themselves the descendants of people who died in their thousands helping construct the railway. They are not intrusive and there is plenty of time and space for quiet prayer, reflection and keeping the memory of our brave soldiers alive.

The plan for a proper memorial at the bridge should be given serious consideration by the Burma Star Association.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN BULLOCK, 57 Westminster Mansions, Little Smith Street, SWI. November 2

Rain, rain ... what did they say?

From Mr B. H. Parker

Sir, Mr John Ainley (letter, November 2) makes a valid and telling point when he complains of the difficulty of remembering the important elements

of a radio weather forecast. Some three or four years ago I met with the same problem professionally when I was a lecturer in meteorology at the Britannia Royal Naval College. I had to advise officers on the relative merits of different sources of meteorological information and I was concerned that the then newer styles of weather forecasting, so effective on television and in newspapers, would not transfer well to the telephone and radio because too much information was being presented.

To test this I recorded the then Times Weathercall weather report and forecast for Devon and Cornwall and played it back to a class of graduate officers who had completed their meteorological course and understood the terminology used. They were asked to listen to the message and then recall the essential details. The level of recall was about 5 per cent.

So. Mr Ainley, you are neither alone nor at fault. Yours sincerely, BRIAN PARKER, Rook House, Victoria Road,

From Mr H. R. F. Keating

Dartmouth, Devon.

November 2.

Sir, Mr Ainley complains of the difficulty in following the radio weather forecasts. I complain of those on television. Too much geography lesson: too little will-Harry-Keating-get-arainfree-walk-tomorrow?

I watch every evening, but by the time my head sinks on to the pillow 1 find as often as not I have forgotten what I'm going to get. Without all those isobars and windflows there would be time to hammer home what we can actually expect, and even to indicate occasionally a degree of uncer-

H. R. F. KEATING, 35 Northumberland Place, W2.

From Mr H. C. Harding

Sir, Having experienced some crew members' inability to take in the weather forecast it is now obligatory. when sailing on our family boat, to write down the details. This usually likely.

Yours truly, H. C. HARDING, 23 Fairfield Gardens Glastonbury, Somerset. November 3.

Streets of Tbilisi

From Mr Simon Stone

Sir, Despite your reporter's comments (later editions, November 2), any English football players or supporters walking Tbilisi's streets at night will enjoy a city in parts as beautiful and charming as any in the world. Certainly Georgians face difficult economic times and are hard put to find the money to maintain the football stadium or care for stray dogs to the standards we aspire to, but anyone who lets this deter them from meeting Georgians will miss the unreserved and friendly generosity of the most hospitable people I have had the good fortune to meet.

If on venturing forth the streets are found to be dimly lit, a torch will suffice to reveal any unevenness in the pavement, but also an absence of people sleeping in doorways.

Yours faithfully. SIMON STONE, 6 The Terrace, Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire.

Merry Epiphany? From the Venerable B. H. Lucas

Sir. In your photograph of the Christmas stamps (October 28) I see that the three Wise Men appear on the 2ndclass stamp. Are we to assume that this is because mail bearing this stamp will not arrive until after Christmas — say January 6?

Yours faithfully. BRIAN LUCAS, The Savage Club, 1 Whitehall Place, SWI.

State of bliss

From Mr John D. Chadwick

Sir, You highlight proposals from Labour and the Liberal Democrats for a Freedom of Information Act (report. October 30). This is quite unnecessary. There is already far 100 much information, often misunderstood. sometimes with harmful consequen-

What is required is a Freedom from Information Act. The Government should give a lead. The Minister of the Civil Service should award a Charter Mark to the department that produces the least volume of information, all of which is clear, concise, and above all, absolutely essential.

Yours faithfully. JOHN D. CHADWICK. Les Vauxbelets. 23 Barnfield Avenue. Wern, Shrooshire. November 1.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 3: The Duke of York today visited Northern Ireland and was received by Mr Malcolm Moss MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern treland)

His Royal Highness this morning opened the Royal Ulster Constabulary Air Support Unit building at Royal Air Force Aldergrove and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).
The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, this afternoon attended the Annual Remembrance Service of The Royal Irish Regiment in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson). November 4: The Duke of Edin-burgh. President. World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF Inter-national. and Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

International Association, this morning left Royal Air Force Northolt for Toronto, Canada. Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Richards is in attendance. November 4: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened a new Faculty of Arts building at Basingstoke College of Technol-ogy. Worting Road. Basingstoke. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire

(Mrs Mary Fagan). Her Royal Highness afterwards opened a new Young Men's Chris-tian Association Residential Centre

at Eastrop Way, Basingstoke. The Princess Royal, President. Royal Naval Museum, later visited the museum and the Mary Rose and, this evening, attended a Reception and Dinner on board HMS Victory. HM Naval Base, ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 4: The Prince of Wales this morning departed from Royal Air Force Lyncham to visit the Ukraine and the Republics of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan and Uzbekistan.

The following were present and took leave of His Royal Highness: The Minister Counsellor from the Ukraine Embassy (Professor

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal will attend an

industry committee meeting at Buckingham Palace at 9.30; as

President of the Animal Health

Trust, will preside at a meeting of

the council of management at The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, Wi, at

11.25: will attend a party at Dillons of Gower Street, WCl. at 3.00 to

mark the company's 60th anniver-sary, and, as President of the Royal

the International Yacht Racing Union's annual dinner and World

Sailor of the Year awards at The

Grand Hotel, Kings Road, Brigh-

The Duke of Kent, as president of

the council, will attend a council

meeting at King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers at 10.45; and,

as Patron of the British Computer

Society, will preside at the awards

judging at Church House Con-

lerence Centre, Deans Yard, SWI.

Embassy (Mr Almaz Khamzaev) and the Charge d'Affaires from the Uzbekistan Embassy (Mr Saidov Timur Sharifovich). This afternoon His Royal High-

Mikhailo Bilousov), the Charg

d'Affaires from the Kazakhstan

ness was received in the Ukraine by the Foreign Minister (Mr Hennadiy Udovenko). After the official arrival cere-

mony in Kiev, The Prince of Wales took part in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Glory Square, visited Novobelichi Res-ident Hospital, and, as President of Leaders Forum, attended a meeting with young Ukrainian businessmen at the Kyiv Mohyla

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception at the British Embassy for the British business community in Ukraine. The Prince of Wales later at-tended a Dinner at the Mariyinsky Palace given by President Kuchma.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieuten-ant-Commander John Lavery RN and Mr Mark Bolland are in

KENSINGTON PALACE November 4: The Princess Mar garet. Countess of Snowdon this morning opened the new premises of Omega plc, the first dev-elopment on the Capitol Park Industrial Estate at Thorne, near

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutemant of South Yorkshire (The Earl of Scarbrough). November 4: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this morning visited the Durban St

John Headquarters and sub-sequently departed for Port Elizabeth. In the afternoon Their Royal Highnesses visited the Stella Londt (Retirement) Complex and opened the new offices of the Port Elizabeth St John Headquarters, Sundridge Park, Port Elizabeth.

In the evening The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a dinner at the Port Elizabeth Club.

Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday: £100,000: 66MZ 505035, winner has a holding of £10,000 and comes from Shropshire: 448Z 840951, £10,000, Mid Glamorgan: 25TZ 157382, £1,450, West Midlands: 15PN 219533, £175, East Sussex.

Midlands: 15PN 219533, £175, East Sussex. 250,000: 36KF 993589, £16,000, Clwyd: 36VL 406844, £100, Kent; 30WK 957595, £200, Co Durham: 8NK 346499, £20,000, Hertfordshire: 42LF 045770, £14,000, Kent; 60GP 661885, £5,025, Hackney, London: 54RL 684121, £500, Lancashire. £25,000: 26YZ 861549, £10,334, Hertfordshire: 75 610319, £1,487, Avon: 56GS 675327, £10,517, Bedfordshire: 40ZL 153418, £17,500, Staffordshire: 40MF 915181, £17,850, Hammersmith and Fulham, London: 54MB 104701, £15,000, Sufforkire: 14MW 167924, £10,000, Sufforkire: 14MW 167924, £10,000, £25E2, £27TL 555268, £19,998, Cambridgeshire: 8AS 864987, £20,000, Witshire; 26YN 691292, £5,010, East Sussex; £2PF 365991, £227, Dumfriesshire.



Eifion Thomas, a clog dancer, takes the Albert Hall in one mighty leap. He was performing there yesterday in the Schools Proms with a group of musicians, singers and dancers from Ceredigion, West Wales. Youngsters aged from five to 21 are taking part in the Schools Proms which continue today and tomorrow

Mr Peter Dobereiner

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Peter Dobereiner, former golf writer of The Observer. author and golf course designer, will be held at St Bride's. Fleet Street, on Tuesday. November 12. at noon

The Oratory School Society

The annual Requiem Mass for Old Oratorians will take place at 6.30pm, on Thursday, November 14, in the Little Oratory, Brompton. refreshments after the service.

The Royal Institute of International Affairs

The meeting which was to have been addressed by Farouk Al Shara'a, Foreign Minister of Syria, on Wednesday, November 6, 1996, at 1.30pm. has been cancelled.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

The appointment has been announced of Sir Nicholas Fern, GCMG, as Chief Executive, Marie Curie Cancer Care, in January 1997 in succession to Major-Gen-eral Michael Carleton-Smith,

Ronald Bernstein Lecture

The Lord Chancellor was in the chair at the Ronald Bernstein lecture delivered by Lord Justice Saville on behalf of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the London Court of International Arbitration last night at Middle

London Guildhall University

Legal Practice Course results Full-time At: Dawson, It: Bicknell, A

Lewendon, D St; Richardson, A Lt; Smith, N Ct; Williams, N Rt; Akyuz, K*, Bach, D J*, Brodie, T J*, De Simone, R M*, Ekiyoyo, A*; Firmin, S S*, Foley, S A*, Frankum, M J*, Kato, T*, Keehan, G*, Kelly, C*, Lee, G V*, Lee, R J*, Lennon, J J*, Lill, A V*, Malsher, A R*, Mandel, G*, Marsh, L*, Massey, A*, Page, S K*, Panayiotou, S*, Payne, N D*, Reece, G F*, Robson, J-A E*, Rowberry, C C*, Scudder, K D*, Shepherd, K M*, Sheret, S L*: Stevenson, A C*: Stewart, E J*: Tejan, G A*: Vale, I A*: Veale, J S*: Zuhri, A B*: Akande, S B: Akhtar. N: Akram, T: Amin, B: Atia, A: Belcher, R S: Ben Ahron, A: Chaumoo, S: Clapham, M D: Cole, D: Dosanjh, S K: Dubb, S S: Gunston, W D: Hanrahan, S V: Inamul Haq. A; Jarvis, S D; Levy, J K; Matini, A; Nelson. G I; O'Donohue, J J; Onyebalu, T C: Pirie, P G; Reynolds, M T: RobinD; Shabir, S; Stamenkovic, M A; Sunderland, A K; Suzic, J; Turner, F V; Vadgama, D; Voloshin, I, Wong, S F; Wright, B P; Young, C

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Beatrie, poet. Laurencekirk, Kincardine, 1735; Washington Allston, painter, Brook Green Domain, South Carolina, 1779; James Elroy Flecker, poet, London, 1884; John Burdon Haldane, physiologist and geneticist, Bhubaneswar, India, 1892; Vivien Leigh, actress, Darjeeling, India, 1913. DEATHS: Pierre Choderlos de

son, J; Rodney, J E; Rowe, P A; Sami, A K; Saunders Griffiths, G

Lacios, soldier, author of Les Liaisons Dangereuses, Taranto. italy, 1803; Angelica Kaufmann, painter, Rome, 1807; James Clerk Maxwell, physicist Cambridge 1879: August Weismann, biologist. Freiburg im Breisgan, 1914; Christiaan Eijkman, physician,

George M. Cohan, actor and song writer, New York, 1942; Maurice Urrillo, painter, Le Vesinet, 1955; Mack Sennett, creator of the Keystone Cops films, Hollywood, 1960; Jacques Tati, actor and film director, 1982; Eamonn Andrews, broadcaster, London, 1987; Vladimir Horowitz, pianist, Manhattan, New York, 1989. Woolworth's first British store

Nobel laureate 1929, Utrecht, 1930;

opened, Liverpool, 1909. Cyprus was annexed to Britain, 1914. Howard Carter discovered Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor, Egypt,

R.W. Armand, V.C. 82; Sir John Bailey, former HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 68; Mr John Berger, author and art critic, 70; Mr E.R.H. Bowring, insurance broker, 81; the Right Rev F.W. Cocks, former Bishop of Shrewsbury, 83; Mr Art Gartand funkel, singer and composer, 55; General Sir John Hackett, 86; Mrs Caroline Jackson, MEP, 50; Dr Paul Knapman, Coroner for Westminster, 52; Professor Sir David Mason, former president, General Dental Council, 68; Mr Nicholas Maw. composer, 61; Mr Jim Moir, Controller, BBC Radio 2, 55; Mr John Morris, QC, MP, 65; Mr Lester Piggott, jockey and race-horse trainer, 61; Rear-Admiral Andrew Richmond, former executive director, RSPCA, 65; Mr Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, 56; Mr Sam Shephard, actor, 53; Lord Stallard, 75; Sir William Stubbs educationist, 59; Mr Eldred Tabachnik, QC, President, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 53; Mr Ned Temko, Editor, Jewish Chronicle, 44; Sir Anthony Tennant senior adviser, Morgan Stanley UK Group, 66; the Earl of Yarborough, 33.

Birthdays today

Mr Bryan Adams, singer, 37; Mr R.W. Annand, VC, 82; Sir John

Latest wills

Pamela Lyndon Travers of London, SW3, who wrote the children's book Mary Poppins, the film of which film, starred Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, left estate valued at £2,044,078 net. She left any payments received in respect of any books she wrote respect or any books she wrote including any sequal to the film Mary Popplus to be held in trust with 9 per cent paid to the Cherry Tree Foundation which should also benefit from the proceeds of her residuary estate,

Appointment Mr Donald O. Mills of Jamiaca to

be Chairman of the Common-wealth Foundation from January I. He succeeds Sir Richard Luce. Vice-Chancellor of Buckingham University.

Service dinners

HMS Victory The Princess Royal and Captain T.J.H. Laurence attended a dinner held on board HMS Victory in Portsmouth last night. Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host. The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampstire and Captain C. Fagar, RN, the Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress of Portsmouth and Lord Palumbo Member of the Royal Naval Museum Development Steering Committee, and Lady Palumbo were among the guests.

Dinners Woolmen's Company

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, was the guest of honour and presented the Woolmen's Company silver medal and prize to Dr Tao Ruan Wan for and prize to UT 1ao Rusin wan for his post graduate research work into wool, the company's Lord Barnby Bursary to Mr Glenn M. Rayne and the international Standards Organisation certificate to Liveryman P.B.F. Whitaker of the Allertex Group of Companies at a dinner held last night at Saddlers' Hall. Mr Michael D. Abrahams, Master, presided. Among others

present were. The Bishop of Sodor and Man, Lord Parkinson, Sir Michael Heron, the Dean of Camerbury and the Masters of the Saddiers, Pounders, Forners, Framework Knibers', Actuaries' and Carmen's Companies and the Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London.

Professor J.H. Colin Leach was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Graham Ross Russell was in the chair.

l Dr Johnson's Buildings The Chambers of Lord Thomas of Gresford, QC, at 1 Dr Johnson's Buildings in the Temple hosted a dinner for his family and friends at the Oxford & Cambridge Club on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, to celebrate his admission that day to the House of Lords, Lord Hooson. QC, proposed a toest on behalf of

The American Ambassador and Mrs Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, were among the speakers at the 50th anniversary gala dinner of the Fulbright Commission held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane, Mr Bill Gates presided and was the principal speaker. Mrs Harriet Fulbright, Mrs William J. Crowe Jr. Sir Geoffrey and Lady Leigh. Mr Robin Buchanan, Mr John Robb, Mr John Bond, Mr David Svendsen, Mr Bernard Vergnes, Mr Vernon Altman, Miss Colleen Farrell and Mr James Moore were among the guests.

Luncheons HM Government

Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a buncheon given yesterday at the Ritz Hotel by Her Majesty's Gov-ernment in honour of Mr Li Lanqing, Vice-Premier of China. Coal Industry Society
Lord Parkinson was the principal
guest and speaker at a luncheon of
the Coal industry Society held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr A.J.A. Third, chairman,

Legal appointment Mr Stephen Baister to be a Bankruptcy Registrar in the High

Forthcoming marriages (

Mr N. Beckett and Miss M.M.F. Paige.
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of the late Mr W. Beckett and of Mrs Beckett, of Bath, and Miranda. younger daughter of Captain and Mrs R.N.M. Paige, of Hinton Mr R.L.W. Bond

and Miss E-J. Parsons The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Bond, of Claverdon, Warwickshire, and Emma-Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Parsons, of Claverdon, Warwickshire.

Mr C.I. Carpenter and Miss F.L.I. Forbes The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Carpenter of Trimpley, Worcestershire, and Fiona, daughter of the late Mr Alegan Forbes and of Mrs Ann Porbes, of South Warnborough, Hampshire.

Mr S.R. Cooper and Miss S.L. Cooper The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr Roger and Mrs Gwendoline Cooper, of Stafford, and Sarah Lucy, daughter of Mr David Cooper, of Wilton Crescent, London SWI, and the late Mrs Diana Cooper of Pinner, Middlesex.

Dr J.R. Leach and Miss A.C. Turk The engagement is announced between John (Robert), son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Leach, of Woking, Surrey, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.M. Turk, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

Mr S.J. Pettitt and Miss A.S.B. Hay The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Royston Penint, of Bearsted, Kent and Mrs Patrick Germain, of Marden,

Kent, and Allison, daughter of the late Dr Hugh Hay, of Sevenoaks, Kent and of Mrs James Downs, of Wineham, Sussex. Mr P. Sores and Miss F. Fraser The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and

Mrs Paul Soros, of New York, and Flora, daughter of the late Sir Hugh Fraser, MP, and of Lady Mr N.C. Staddor and Miss J.E.M. Mindenkall

The engagement is announced between Nicolas, son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Staddon, of Pleudanie France, and Jane, daughter of Mr P.S. Mindenhall and Mrs C.M. Mindenhall, of York. Marriages

Mr R.H.A. Brodhurst and Mrs P. Stiuton

The marriage took place quietly on October 31, 1996, at St Denys Church, Stanford Dingley, near Panghourne, between Mr Robin Brodhurst and Mrs Penelope Stiruton. Mr J.M. Ormer

and Mrs P.H.E. Gress The marriage took place on Sat-urday, November 2, at The Swedish Church, London, between Mol John Ormerod and Mrs Pia Heliy ena Gross.

Meeting Royal Over-Seas League

My Norman Lamont, MP, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Hazel Ellis presided.

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BIRTHS

BARRES - On October 31st, in Oxford, to Amanda (nee Griffiths) and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Alicia Bethan, a sister for Nicholas. SUIRSKI - On 30th Septem 1996, to Vanessa (nee Jon and Simon, a son, Rob CARMWATH On 15th Oct

1996, to Anthony and Lindsey (nee Jobbins), a

and Sebastian.
CHETWODE - On November 2nd, to Sheelagh (nee Royland) and Richard, a son, Harry Thomas Christopher.
DAVESOR - On November 1st at The Fortland Hospital, to Karoline and Mitchell, a beautiful son, George, A brother for Natalie.

DAMES - On October 30th houter for Natalia.

DAVIES - On October 30th
1996, to Sarah (née Palmer)
and Guy, a son, Oscar
Thomas Kristin.

DOBSS - On 25th October, to
Rebecca (née Kitteridge) and
Jeremy, a son, Cyrus Edwin.

EDEN - On 31st October, to Edward, a daughter, Charlotte GELBERT-RYAN - On Friday 1st

Margaret Avebury.

HICKS BEACH - On 31st
October at Cheltenham, to
Kate and David, a daughter,

MARCUS - On October 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Rachel (nee Cohen) and Barry, a beautiful daughter, Quivia Francesca.

MICHOLSON - On October 24th ar The Portland Hospital, to Tessa and Geoffrey, a daughter, Miranda Lucy Etinor, a sister for William, Esmé, Ropert and Henry.

Alexander Ronald.

ROPWELL - On 19th October, to justif (née Chandler) and Paul, a son, Charles Frederick Paul, brother to Gregory and Sabine.

WALL - On October 26th, to Penny (née Brown) and Liam, a son, Edward Charles Dackwood.

DEATHS

BECK - On 2nd November 1996 peacefully in hospital Enth Maria, beloved sister of Rachel. Interment of tremaind remains will take place at Hoop Lene Camstery, NW11, Wednesday 6th November 1996 at 2 pm. Enquiries to M.M. Broad & Son, tel: (0181) 445-2797.

DEATHS

ALLISTON - On 31st October. Rex (papa), peacefully aged 83. Loved husband of Pros devoted

and devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Family flowers only. Donations please to the Macmillan Unit, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex. Funeral at 12 noom on 13th November at the Guildford Crematorium. CLEMETSON - Poggy (née Wacher). In Norang, Australia on 4th November 1996. Younger daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs Stewart Wacher of Canterbury and sister of Canterbury and

sister of Eve and John.

COLWELL - Suddenly on October 31st 1996, Daphne (née Hunt) of Evesham, Wares. Beloved wife, Mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at All Sahus Charch, Evesham on Thursday, November 7th at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Evesham Ambulance Station Appeal to Philip Tomlins, Puneral Directors, 36, The Leys, Evesham, Worcs. WEI 1 SAP.

BAMES - Inliest peacefully in

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DAVIES - Juliet peacefully in hospital on 2nd November 1996. Private cremation to be held on Friday 8th November, and a Memorial Service at St James's Chunch, Piccadilly, London WI on Monday 11th November 1996 at 5 pm. Downstons, if desired, to Cancer Research. desired, to Cancer Research.
DAVIS - On November 2nd
peacefully at Bothbury
Nursing Home, Newport,
Brigid beloved wife of Tom,
daughter of the late Dr. and
Mrs David Buckley, mother
of Andrew, Eate and Ben and
deur grandmother of her five
grandchildren. RIP. Bequiem
Mass at St Marry's Church,
Stow Hill, Newport at 11 am
on Friday 8th November
followed by cremation at
Gwent Cremetorium. Family
flowers only.

flowers only. de NOBRIGA - Alexander on November 1st 1996. Private cremation Memorial Service will be held on 22nd

November at St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe at 2.30 pm. ELY - On 1st November 1996, peacefully at home in Port Hope, Ontario, Canada, Espoth Ann, beloved wife of Charles Tottenham, Marquis of Ely and only deughter of the late Mr and Mrs P.T. Hay of Highgate.

FARBER - Janek Farber ARIRA died peacefully on October 28th aged 89. October Zein ages ov.
FellalSOM - Audrew Miriam,
on Friday November Ist aged
87, peacefully in hespital
after a short filness. Devoted
mother of Bruce and Vhydnia
and grandmother of Clare,
Sam and Jamie. Funeral
private. No flowars or letters
please. Donations, if desired,
to Jocal hospices.

FFOOKS - Adrian on November
1st sadily taken so early from
his lowing family and many
friends. Funeral Service at
Holy Trinity Church,
Rudgwick, 12 boon Friday
November 8th. No flowers.
Donations please to Sussay
Beacon Hospice, Bevendean
Bond, Brighton.

SENDES - Robin Alan passed

Hood, Brighton.
GERDES - Robin Alan passed
away October 12th in
Adelaide, S. Australia, Dearly
loved husband of Loraine
and loving father of
Georgette and Jenny, Loved
son of Mrs Hood and sister
Susan.
GEASS - (Née Bloice) Margaret
lean peacefully after many

GLASS - (Née Bloice) Margaret jean peacefully after many years with Alrheimer's, on 2nd November 1996 aged 79. Treasured companion of Tryphon and much loved mother of Lesiey and Stuart. Funeral at Shere Parish Church 8th November at 1.45 pm followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium and afterwards at Wood Hall, Ellens Green. Flowers from family and close friends only please, but donations to the Alsheimer's Disease Society or the ESPCA may be sent clo Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tek (01483) 567333.

the (01483) 567333.

GODDARD-WILSON - Lavender (née Cassels) on Saturday November 2nd 1996 pacasfully at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London. After a short liness. Beloved wife of the late Colonei Eichard Goddard-Wilson. Dearly loved by her family and oil her many friends both in England and abroud: Puneral Service at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Square, Regent's Park Road, NWI on Monday November 11th 1996 at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flower only places but donations if wished to imperial Cancer Research Fund colo Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral

Research Fund c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, 212 Eversholt Street, Londom NWI 18D. GROSCH - Oa 31st October 1996 Antony John Peter (Johnnie), beloved husband of Patricia and father of David and Alexandra, loving grandfather of Matilda and Millo. Service St Mary the Virgin, Stoke-by-Nayland, on Fiday 8th November at 3pm. Virgin, Stoke-I Friday 8th Nov Family flowers only, donations if wished to Cancer Research or 'Campaign for Hunting' clo BFSS, 59 Yearnington Road, SEI 7FZ.

HILGELAND - Adolf Helmat HR.GELAND - Adolf Helmat (Peter), suddenly on 3rd November 1996, at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, aged 57 years, after a short illness courageously bonne, dearly loved husband of Gaynor, much loved father of Tara, Petra and Katya. "Will be very sadly missed". Private Family Funeral. father of Julian and Jeannette and brother of Donald, Dephne Penny and

Hill - After a short lilness Freda aged 97 peacefully on November 1st at South Fatherton, Somesset, Beloved mother to Edward and Ena, grandmother to Julian, Andrew and Stephen and great-grandmother to Matthew and Rachel. All enquiries to Irish & Denman F/D (01460) 240348. HILLARD - His Honour Richard

HHLARD - His Honour Richant died peacefully after a short liliness on November 2nd 1996 aged 90. Much loved by all his family. Pomeral Service at St Mary's, Stauston-on-Wre, on Friday November 8th at 12 noon. All enquiries to Messis Dawe Bros. (01432) 274066.

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Holdsworth, Loving mother
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Caterham School. LAME - Jill (née Powell-Tuck) on Monday 4th November after a long illness. Paneral Service at Hampstead Cometery on Friday 8th November at 11.30 am.

HAY - On 3rd November in Vancouver, Canada, Anthony Makolm, husband of Penny, formerly master at father of julian and Sherborne School Funeral enquiries to WS. Brister & Son, Sherborne, tel: (01935) 812647.

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NOUE - Antony John on 2nd November at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, dear husband of Mairi and lather of Jenny and John. Cremation at Carlisle Crematorium on Friday 8th November at 2.40 pm. A Memorial Service will be held to London on a date to be amounced inter. Family flowers only, Donations if so desired to AGEL.

MOODY - Sarah Caroline, aged 91 years, peacefully on November 2nd. Funeral Service at Brozbourne Church on Thursday November 7th at noon. Enquiries to Poulton & Sons, (01992) 572609.

PECE - On 31st October 1996, at the Princess Alice Rospice, Esher, after a long illness bravely borne, William Theodors (Theo) aged 61. Beloved husband of Jean Marie, father of Theodore and Charlotte, son of Lady Violet and the late Sir Theodors Pike and bother of Edgid and John, Funeral Service will take place at St John's Church, Merrow, Guildford, on Wednesday November 6th at 2 pm. All enquides to Phams Funeral Services, Lei:

MARTIM-BIRD - Nigel aged 84
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PETIT - On November 4th 1996 the Rev. Dom Ian Petit, aged 73 years, Monk of Ampleforth Abbey, Requiser Mass Friday 8th November at 12 noon at Ampleforth

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REES - John Maldwyn peacefully in hospital on October 31st aged 77 years. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Private Cremation at Narbeth 7th

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On October 30th 1996, Sally
(Sarah) passed away in
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STRIN - Annabel peacefully at home on October 31st aged 91 years. Widow of Dr. Trevor Smith, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, South Walsham on Thursday November 7th at 2.30 pm followed by interment. Family flowers only please but domations if desired for the NSPC may be sent c/o Broadland Funeral Services, 102 Norwich Road, Wrozham, Norwich, NR12 SEY.

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TIMOURIAM - Stephen died on 29th October 1996 In Antibos, France. Beloved husband of Rélens Timourian - Allian and brother of Maris Timourian. TOWNSHID - John Elizabeth, widow of John Meredith, widow of John Meredith, dear sister of Dorothy, Dians and Bryan, devoted and favourite aunt and greatannt. Died pendefully at Marie Curie Hospice, Catesham, on November 2nd Funeral arrangements connect (0181) 660-7622.

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THOMPSON - Charles. On October 31st 1996, pacefully at home after a brave and hard fought battle with cancer. Much loved husband of Rosemary, leving father of Mark, Hilary and Carola and devoted grandirather of Alex and Charlie. Private family cremation. Thanksgiving Service at 2.30 pm on Saturday November 23rd at St. Peter's Church, Newdigate, Surrey. No flowers. Donations, if desired, for District Nurses Fund, Marie Curia Nursing Service and Engitte Trust (HHC) may be sent to Shellock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking, Surrey, EH4 2ES.

TUPPER - On 1st November suddenly Commander Alan William Tupper RN (1987d) aged 69 years. Sounder of Latchways Ltd. Behoved husband of Harriet and father of Christopher. Virginia, Stephen, Simon, Giles and Matthew and devoted gamdiather. Funeral Service at Castle Combe Church on Saturday 9th November at 1.50 pm followed by interment at Leigh Delamere. Family flowers only pleases but if wished donations to the RNLI, West Quny Ecoal, Poole, EH15 1HZ.

VERM - (Née Lancaster) Lilian Rosa (Babs) died pencerelly in hespitul on 2nd November 1996 aged 93. Beloved wife of the late William and much lowed mother, grandmother, ord great-grandmother. Cremation at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 12th November at 1140 am. Family flowers only. 12th November at 11.40 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation of John Shering Funeral Directors, 34 Provost Street, Fordingbridge, SPG LAY.

WALLIS - Jack peacefully at home in Normanby on 31st October, having lived courageously to the end. Much loved husband, father and gandfather. Funeral St. Andrew's Church, Normanby, York, 12 noon Monday Lith November. Family flowers only. Daustions if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WCIH ORA.

WELFORD - Margaret (Meg), of East Handred, Ozon, passed away peacefully on November 1st aged 85, Third of the Four Welford Sisters. Much loved by Ruth Hadson, Jean Welford and the Inte Dr. Elizabeth. A thanksgiving service will be held at Summertown United Reformed Churck, Banbury Road, Oxford, on Friday 8th November at 2 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BURKE - Formerly Woolley (née Lloyd-Jones). A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Rica Burke will be held in Uppingham Parish Church Uppingham, Eutland, on Saturday 30th November 1996 at 2.30 pm. DEARMER - Geoffrey, Requiem Eucharist St Mary's, Primrose Rill, November 21st at noon. SPERE - Memorial Service for Neil Hanning Reed will be held at 3t Andrew's Church, Corbridge, Northumberhand, at 2 pm on Thursday 21st. November.

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JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA

Jean-Bédel Bokassa former ruler of the Central African Republic, died on November 3 aged 75. He was born on February 22, 1921.

n the course of his 13-year reign in Central Africa, Jean-Bedel Bokassa became a byword for cruelry, greed and the unbridled exercise of absolute power. He will perhaps be remembered chiefly as an arrogant buffoon with a Napoleon complex preening himself on a gold-pland throne in a parody of imperial pomp. But the preposterous vanity of his comic-book coronation as self-styled Emperor was only the most absurd manifestation of a capricious tyranny that did untold harm to an already struggling nation. Supported almost to the end by French governments anxious to maintain their influence over a former colony (and keen to exploit its deposits of diamonds and uranium), he systernatically plundered the meagre resources of one of the world's poorest countries and subjected its people to a rule of umpredictable terror. Jean-Bedel Bokassa was

born in a village some 50 miles from Bangui in what was then French colony of Oubangui-Chari. His father, a village chief, was murdered when Bokassa was six years old, and his mother committed suicide; the boy was brought up by French missionaries. After joining the Free French forces during the war he went on to serve in the French Army for 23 years with courage and distinction, notably in Indo-China, before being invited to resum to his own country to set up its armed forces after independence. He rose rapidly to become Commander-in-Chief. The regime, headed by Bukassa's cousin, David Dacko, soon ran into economic difficulties and eventually found itself faced with a general strike. It was then, on New Year's Eve 1965, that Bokassa was installed as President in a bisodless coup d'état.

When Oubangui-Chari became independent as the Centrai African Republic in 1960, it had retained close links with France, and the coup that tht Bokassa to power had har French support, at the ven least. Bokassa would refer to General de Gaulle as "Papa", and "Pere", and he in aturn was regarded by Jacques Focust. architect of de-Gaulle's Africa policy, as un militaire très francophile.
When news of the coup reached Paris. Foccart saw no need to intervene and did not even wake de Gaulle. The early years of Bokassa's Justice, Minister of Defence, ment and reassumed power as

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regime were promising. Although he had himself grown up in an atmosphere of violence and cruelty, he treated the ousted President Dacko with generosity. For a time he seemed content to remain within the comfortable orbit of the French Community, and to devote much of his energy to tackling the problems of poverry and hunger and the evils of corruption and overman-ning in his civil service. He instigated agricultural reforms, expanded diamond production, and built a university; but it was not long before... he became obsessed with domestic rivairies and threats to

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his own position. There were several attempted assassinations and abortive coups and he asked for French military help to deal with one insurrection. Although he ostensibly continued to model his administration on French lines, he gradually assumed more and more powers him-self until, by 1974, he was President for Life, Minister of

Minister of the Interior, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs and Keeper of the Seals. Reports began to circulate about the harsh treatment of political opponents.

equally idiosyncratic. While he took an active part in meetings of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), he also joined a number of other francophone leaders in estab-lishing links with South Afri-ca. Early in 1970 he began to solicit help from the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc, but relations with France, though turbulent, remained close, and by November he was weeping at General de Gaulle's funeral and renewing his good relations with various French politicians, notably with the then Finance Minister, Valèry Giscard d'Estaine. with whom he shared a pas-

sion for hunting. Six years later, after a visit from Colonel Gaddafi of Libya in 1976, Bokassa dissolved the conventional forms of govern-

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Bokassa at his coronation as Emperor of his self-proclaimed Central African Empire President of a Council of the Central African Revolution. He had been brought up as a Roman Catholic but now, declaring that Christianity was not an African religion but "an instrument of Euro-His foreign policy was pean imperialism", he became

> style to Field Marshal Salah al Din Ahmad Bokassa. This phase did not last, and in the following year he renamed his country the Central African Empire, with himself as its ruler. He crowned himself Emperor in December 1977 in one of the most grotesquely lavish spectacles

a Muslim and changed his

At a time when his country had an annual per capita income of just over £100, Bokassa's coronation cost tens of millions. The model was the coronation of Napoleon, as seen through the eyes of Hollywood, There was a triumphal arch with classical Greek columns; a gold-plated throne in the shape of an eagle, weighing more than two tons: an imperial state coach

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drawn by a team of imported white horses; 3,000 imperial guards in ceremonial uniforms; a crown decorated with rubies, emeralds and 8,000 local diamonds; 20 tons of fresh flowers, flown in from Europe; robes of scarlet and ermine, embroidered with pearls ... "This is a milestone in the intrepid march of our people towards its own destiny," Bokassa proclaimed.
"Who could doubt that the authentic Africa is one of kingdoms and empires?

In fact, most of Africa viewed Bokassa's antics as a disgrace. The ceremony attracted scorn and revulsion from around the world, and the Pope and many of the invited heads of state stayed away. But still there were diplomats from 40 countries in attendance, and France seemed content to foot most of the bill, as a bizarre extension of aid to its former colony. But the real cost was borne by the new Emperor's subjects, for by now Bokassa was shamelessly treating the national exchequer as a personal bank account, and his extravagance had brought the country to the

brink of ruin.

Greed was now fully matched by brutality. The regime's rumoured cruelties grew ever more atrocious, but there were also plenty of authenticated tales of Bokassa's condoning or personally participating in violations of human rights. Convicted criminals were beaten to death, and thieves had their ears cut off. Foreign journalists were assaulted and imprisoned. Schoolchildren protesting at the introduction of compulsory school uniforms (available only from a com-pany controlled by the Emperor's wife) were tortured and killed, some undoubtedly by

Bokassa himself. The massacre of schoolchildren provoked an international outcry and obliged even Giscard to withdraw his support in 1979. In September of that year, two years after his coronation, Bokassa was himself ousted by a French-backed coup while away on a state visit to Libya. He was replaced by the same David Dacko whom he had originally unseated.

Bokassa sought asylum in France, where he had extensive property and business interests, but he was initially persuaded to seek refuge in stead with his old friend Houphouet-Boigny in the Ivory Coast. France, however. was by no means rid of him. the revelation that President Giscard had once accepted a gift of diamonds from him caused a scandal and almost certainly contributed to Francois Mitterrand's victory in the 1981 presidential elections.

In October 1986, for reasons best known to himself, Bokassa returned to the Central African Republic. He was put on trial for a catalogue of offences of which he had already been convicted in his absence. Despite the discovery of human coroses stuffed with rice in the presidential freezer, accusations of cannibalism were dismissed for lack of evidence, but there was proof enough to convict him of conspiracy to murder, illegal detention of people, and embezzlement of state funds. He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted by President André Kolingba to one of life imprisonment, later reduced to 20 years and then to ten. In 1993, after serving nearly seven years. Bokassa was released. To the end, by which time he was proclaiming himself the 13th Apostle of Christ, he remained convinced of his popularity, and he was eager to stand as a candidate in the next presidential elections. Bokassa had numerous

wives and mistresses, including his Empress. Catherine, and a Romanian ballet dancer who had hopes of sharing his throne; between them they bore him some 55 children.

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STRIKES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

sense, and with our experience in regulating the relations between capital and labour far surpass-

ing any other nation in the world, we should not

yet have surmounted the folly as well as the misery of strikes. Whether the responsibility and blame of these combinations rest with the

biame of these combinations rest with the masters or the men, they are so wrong, so injurious to the welfare and prosperity of the community at large, that it does seem wonderful how this great "Manchester district" especially should still be unable to suppress them. Manchester, which has done so much, and expects to do so much more, by the force of opinion, ought surely to set an example to foreign nations of its power at home by quashing these insane developments of the war sorift in the mills

insane developments of the war spirit in the mills of its own neighbourhood. It is somewhat difficult

for persons not connected with manufactures, nor

for persons not connected with manufactures, nor surrounded by the sights and sounds of manufacturing life, to appreciate the real character of strikes. To say that the tall chimneys no longer wornt forth their clouds of smoke, that the machinery of so many mills is suspended, and that the starving operatives are hanging idly about the streets — all this is bad enough, but it conveys no adequate idea of the evil. Hall-a-dozen

LORD HANKEY

Lord Hankey, KCMG, KCVO, diplomat, died on October 28 aged 91. He was born on July 5, 1905.

ROBIN HANKEY was a diplomat whose choice of profession was largely inspired by his father, who had been Secretary to the Cabinet, and by family friendships with Lloyd George and Winston Churchill. In difficult posts his courage strengthened the resolve of his own staff and that of other missions.

His favourite activities of music. skiing, tennis, swim-ming, sailing and camping were often an extension of his professional duties. Even on brief official visits, he would seize any opportunity to ski, amazing younger colleagues. When he finally stopped aged 87, he had skied in more than twenty countries,

The eldest son of the 1st Lord Hankey, a legend even in his lifetime in Whitehall, Robert Maurice Alers Hankey was sent to school at Rugby, where he sat in the sixth form with his future foreign service colleague Frank Roberts. He read PPE at New College. Oxford, and gained a travelling fellowship from Queen's College to study at Tours and

Bonn Universities. After a brief period in Berlin, he was transferred to Paris where, typically, he played hockey as centre half for the Racing Club and winning the league title, represented France in international matches. (Possessing an exceptional eye, he would safely hit a cherry stone off the Whitehall pavement with full force using the tip of an umbrella.)

He returned to London on his marriage in 1930 to Francis Bevyl Stuart-Menteth. Appointed private secretary to Anthony Eden, he accompanied him on visits to Berlin, Geneva and Rome, meeting Hitler and Mussolini. On a train journey to Munich the SS guard told him that Da-chau was behind a nearby hill. He could thus claim to be among the first British officials to learn of the existence of

concentration camps. His next posting was War-saw, from which he had to flee in 1939 in his Austin 7 with the

embassy translator, his dog and the ciphers. He then went to Bucharest, where he was still en poste the day the Iron Guard took over. He made his escape quickly since he knew his name was on its death list.

After a year in Cairo, he had more prolonged stay in Tehran, where he assisted his former colleague. Fitzroy Maclean, on his SAS mission to kidnap the chief of the Persian General Staff, the chief Axis agent in Persia. He also played tennis weekly with the young Shah, acting as the Allies' unofficial contact with

him. This was to have its legacy. In early 1953, when he refused to give his agreement to Hankey as Ambassador, the Prime Minister, Mossadeq, was heard to remark: "Hankey Business is Monkey Business.

Spending the rest of the war London, he returned to Warsaw in 1946. He remembered this period chiefly for his visits to the extermination camps of Auschwitz and Maidanek, where he saw the horrors of the Holocaust for himself.

Recalled to London to become head of the Northern Department he was present at the meetings instigated by Ernie Bevin anticipating the beginnings of the Cold War. In 1949 Bevin sent him as charge d'affaires to Madrid to restart diplomatic relations with Franco. Becoming Minister to Hungary two years later, he formed friendships there which lasted for the rest In 1953, a medical emergen-

cy resulted in his becoming charge d'affaires in Cairo, a post for which Churchill personally briefed him (making no secret of his distaste for the Foreign Office policy of appeasing Nasser). Although he got on personally well enough with Nasser, it fell to him to warn the Government that, if British troops were withdrawn, the Egyptians would invade the Canal Zone within six months.

He took up his first post as Ambassador in Stockholm in 1954. He was appointed KCMG in 1955 and KCVO in 1956 following the royal visit. His popularity led to his later becoming president of the Anglo-Swedish Society. But his crowning diplomatic

achievements were at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris from 1960 to 1965. He was proud of persuading the Treasury to accept the need for OECD, which followed on the completion of the Marshall Plan for which the original Organisation for European Economic Co-operation had been created. Hankey played no small part in helping to guide both bodies through critical stages, and was a particularly effective in gaining recognition of the need for the main industrial countries to co-ordinate their economic policies.

After retiring in 1965, he became a council member of the United World Colleges and of the International Baccalaureate Foundation, as well as being a director of the Alliance Building Society. In the House of Lords, where he unwaveringly sat on the cross benches, he brought his common sense and balance of judgment to many areas foreign and economic policy. labour relations, and, more recently, in drawing attention to the benefits of transcendental meditation.

His first wife Bevyl died in 1957. In 1962 he married Joanna Wright, who died in 1991. The following year he married, thirdly, Stephanie Langley (née King), who survives him, together with the two daughters and two sons of his first marriage. His elder son Donald succeeds to the

ELEANOR DULLES

Eleapor Dulles, American diplomat and economist, died on October 30 aged 101. She was born on June 1, 1895.

ELEANOR DULLES was a formidable woman and career diplomat, who was sometimes referred to as "the mother of West Berlin" for her success in rejuvenating the economy of that city in the aftermath of the Second World War. She might have gone further, had it not been for the male chauvinism which was then rampant in the State Department. Never unduly modest, she herself considered that a Cabinet seat would have been a fitting reward for her achievements. As it was, her career was

stalled not only by the prejudices of the day but, ironically, by her family connections. Her two brothers were John Foster Dulles, President Eisenhower's Secretary of State: and Allen Dulles, with the CIA from 1951 until the Bay of Pigs. In 1953 the newly appointed

John Foster Dulles used his influence to secure his brother the deputy directorship of the CIA (he became director later the same year). His sister had already been appointed special assistant to the office of German affairs within the State Department, and Foster Dulles swiftly tried to manoeuvre her into resigning, in order to counter charges of nepotism. In his first objective he did not succeed, as Eleanor liked to recall with satis-

faction. She only rarely saw her two brothers in Washington, where she was renowned for a

strong handshake and an intolerance of small talk. The Dulles family had, as a clan, much of the political singlemindedness of the Kennedys, if without their charisma. Eleanor was one of five children born to a Presbyterian minister in Watertown, New York, and raised into the privilege of the East Coast



ther, John W. Foster, had been Secretary of State under President Harrison; her uncle, Robert Lansing, held the same post under Woodrow Wilson. Eleanor could remember being taken to see the inauguration of President Taft in 1909. He rode in an open carriage, and it snowed. The women of the family

were expected to contribute as much to public service as the men. Eleanor graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1917, worked with refugees in France at the end of the First World War, then went on to study at the LSE. She wrote a scholarly book on the French franc and was awarded a doctorate in economics by Yale University. In 1932 she defied her family to marry an Orthodox Jew. David Blondheim. Her husband committed suicide in 1934. She entered government

service in 1936, as an economist on the Social Security Board. Joining the State De-partment in 1942, she represented her country at the Bretton Woods conference of 1944 and, immediately after the Second World War ended. was sent to Vienna as financial attaché. Her job was to organise the feeding of starving Austrians, a feat which she accomplished by bartering horses for German potatoes. She performed a much greater economic miracle during the 1950s when she was sent to West Berlin to improve industrial productivity and to reduce the staggering rate of unemployment of 33 per cent.

The job entailed much shuttle diplomacy. To speed up her frequent requests to Washington for money she would send notes from Berlin, asking for aid, "then rush back to Washington in time to compose favourable answers".

She left her German posting in 1959 and retired from the State Department three years later. In retirement she had time to concentrate on her memoirs. She wrote 13 books in all, ranging from academic works on her favourite topic -American loreign policy - to a detective novel. She is survived by her son

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ON THIS DAY PRESTON, Friday November 5, 1853 There is nothing in the social conductor of the people of this country more remarkable than the circumstance that, with all our basted good

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Dickens based Coketown, the industrial setting for Hard Times (1854), on Preston which he had visited and where cotton strikers had been out of work for more than 20 weeks.

pitched battles between the Turks and Russians in the Danubian principalities are not more decidedly and disastrously a war for the combatants and the locality than are the Turnouts' or 'lock-outs' of this wonderful district. Where industrial pursuits are so highly organized; where it is not unusual to have thousands of men, women, and children working under one roof, and in the production of one article of commerce, where to that vast concentra-tion of labour is added the stupendous power of machinery multiplying to an almost fabulous extent the productive energy of the country — in a district so provided anything which brings the system to a standard is a calamity of the highest order. When it is the result of failing markets, of

scarce cotton crops, of a deficient supply of food, of panies and bankrupteies, and the other adverse influences to which all human affairs are more or less exposed, the sufferers must bow their heads in patient acquiescence. That, however, is not the case at present. The mills were closed because master and hand having their dearest interests at stake in understanding each other, won't do so. Disagreeing upon terms, each seeks to coerce the other into his own, and, in the struggle, every extremity is braved. The operative rowns his furniture and clothes, and appeals to his class in other towns for support. The manufacturer laments his capital lying unemployed, and his confidence in the fearless investment of it shaken he does not starve, but the spirit that winged his enterprise is broken, and that to him is one of the greatest of misfortunes. In the sufferings which either party has to endure individuals, of course, sympathize as their sense of right inclines them to the one side or the other, but the general public are not partisans. They see only the dispropurtion between the question in dispute and the evils which it entails. It is a matter of very little consequence with them whether the masters or the men are to blame in Preston, but what they do see is the mad folly of a quarrel which in one town closes the mills of 41 firms, suspends a nominal horse-power of 3,300, throws 21,000 hands inearly one-half of them women and children) unto work, arrests weekly earnings amounting in the aggregate to £10,000 or £11,000 and stops 1,400,000 spindles and 40,000 forms.

The absent goalkeeper who actually makes a save



THREE constituent parts of the United Kingdom can boast winners in The Times Interactive Team Football competition this week. From England, Mr John Hunt continues to lead the overall race for £50,000. From Scotland, Mr S. G. Pitt is the October manager of the month. And from Wales. Mr A. Green is the manager of the week.

Mr Pitt, from Arbroath. gained \$4 points during October, with the England players David Seaman and Paul Gascoigne his principal points-scorers. Mr Green, from Carmarthen, gained 36 points last week, with consistent scoring throughout his team rare during a week that saw low scoring all round in ITF.

Both have picked goalkeepers who are first-choice for their clubs Southail (Everton) and Seaman (Arsenal) respectively — which is less common among the leading ITF selectors. Mr Hunt. for example, has Michael Oakes, the Aston Villa reserve goalkeeper, in his ITF team.

It would still appear that the leading selectors are picking inactive goalkeepers. It may be against the spirit of the game, but it is effective - just ask anyone who has had Peter Schmeichel in their team for the last couple of weeks.

If your team is underperforming, you can use the

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Mark Wright, left, sees his ITF points rating plummet as Chris Sutton scores from the penalty spot on Sunday



allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premier-ship or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668. When making a transfer,

you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager)

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes - the overall E50,000, monthly £1.000 or weekly £250.

☐ All Interactive Team Foot ball transfer queries should All other inquiries can be

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

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ENTER TIMES ITF BY TELEPHONE — THERE ARE **BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY** WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. You could be a winner of either by entering a team today. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community - as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1.000 cash.

Enter today by following the instructions below. Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011 If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

 You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone).

Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.

3. Do not spend more than £35 million.

4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.

5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.

c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.



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NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 45p per minute cheap rate and 50p per minute at all other times. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.



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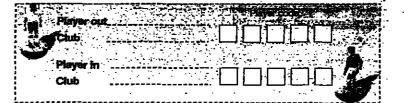
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The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for



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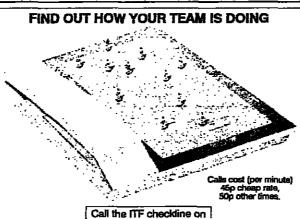
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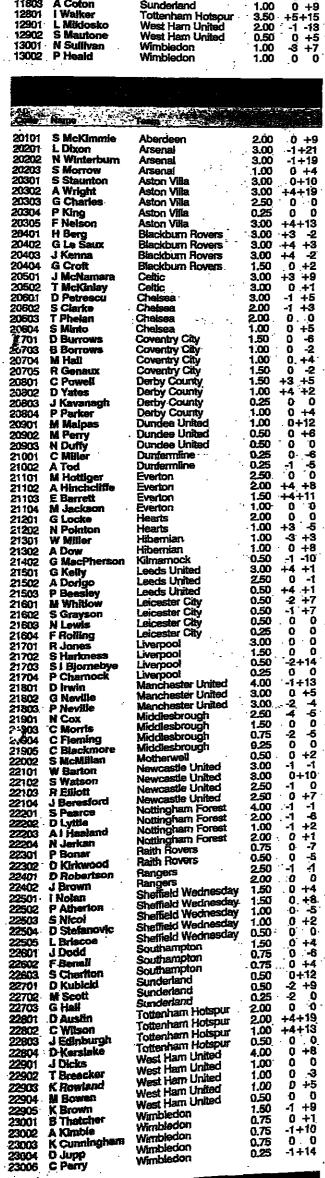
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NEWS

Dorrell seeks £1bn to rescue NHS

Stephen Dorrell will appeal to the Cabinet over the heads of the Treasury today for the extra £1 billion that he insists is needed to prevent a crisis in the hospital service.

The Health Secretary was reported to be ready to "go to the wire" to bridge the gap between his target of £1 billion and the £700 million he has won in protracted negotiations Page I

Plot to steal millions from cashpoints

Kenneth Noye, one of Britain's most wanted men, conspired to steal hundreds of millions of pounds from cashpoint machines in a plot that could have brought the banking system to its knees, a court was told. Noye, 49, a suspect in the M25 "road rage" murder, is thought to be in hiding in Spain. The seven defendants in the trial, who have admitted conspiracy to steal, will be sentenced next month Pages 1, 6

Bomb case collapses

The case against a woman accused of planting a car bomb outside the Israeli Embassy in London collapsed when a judge described the evidence against her as suspect... .. Page I

Howard under fire

The former Home Secretaries Douglas Hurd and Kenneth Baker combined with some senior judges in a strong attack on Michael Howard's plans for tough mandatory sentences for repeat offenders ...

Taxing task

A prostitute told a court that she was paid hundreds of pounds to have regular sex with a senior Inland Revenue tax inspector in a West End hotelPage 3

Exam appeals rise

A big rise in appeals against GCSE and A-level grades is forcing a rethink in the procedures used by examining boards and universities.

Restaurant fall

Sir John Harvey-Jones attacked the restaurant owned by Lord Linley as "monstrous" after his disabled daughter won a six-year fight for damages from a fall that broke her leg. Page 5

Rural fightback

The village shop is at last winning the battle against cut-price competition from superstores, re-......Page 9

Pasternak's muse

Letters from Boris Pasternak to the woman on whom he modelled Lara in Dr Zhivago reveal the depth of their lovePage [1

Manifesto vote

Tony Blair won a convincing mandate for Labour's draft manifesto when party members endorsed it by a majority of 19 to ... Page 12

Terror warning

Israel has been placed on security alert after intelligence warnings from the United States and Germany of a terrorist attack by Islamic Jihad ..

Clinton on course

Bill Clinton is set to become the first Democrat in 60 years to win re-election, but only because the economy is strong and his oppo-.... Pages 14, 15 nent weak...

·Ceasefire in Zaire Eastern Zaire's rebels called a

unilateral three-week ceasefire to allow emergency relief to be delivered to more than a million refugees from the fighting Page 16 Bokassa dies

Jean Bédel Bokassa, former dictator of the Central African Republic, has died Page 16 Bulgarian poll

Bulgaria's top divorce lawyer, Petar Stoyanov, has beaten his Socialist rival to become the new head of state

Gascoigne tells of 'rage inside me'

Paul Gascoigne talked of the "rage inside me" and confessed to feeling remorse after beating his wife two weeks ago. "I can't go into great detail about the incident," he said, "but I deeply regret what happened with Sheryi. It will live with me for the rest of my life." He added: "I don't blame the women's rights groups for wanting me kicked out"



Still hoping: Bob Dole waves a copy of the infamously inaccurate Chicago Daily Tribune front page from 1948. Pages 1, 14, 15

Business

House price boom: House prices are rising by more than 7 per cent a year, according to the latest figures, the fastest for more than two and a half years..Page 27

BT link-up: Shares in BT soared after the company announced that it would pay a 35p special dividend in March as part of its effort to take full control of MCIPage 27

Funds merge: The fund management group Invesco is to merge with AIM Management Group in a \$1.6 billion deal. .. Page 27

Markets: The FTSE 100 share index fell 20.4 points to 3928.1. On the foreign exchange markets, the pound rose from \$1.6375 to \$1.6467 and from DM2.4836 to DM2.4915. The sterling index closed up 0.3 at Page 30

SPORT

Football: Rob Hughes wonders whether the errant Paul Gascoigne might become a better player for having confronted his personal problems .

Rugby union: The league fixture between Newcastle and Rotherham has been postponed, freeing three Scots and two Irishmen for international duty ...

Sports academy: The bid to create the British Academy of Sport at Heyford. Oxfordshire, may persuade Steve Redgrave, the Olympic rowing champion, to remain in

Racing: Chris Wall, the Newmarket trainer, saddled Donna Viola to win the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, one of the biggest events for fillies in the United States.

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IN THE TIMES

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Women on tour: Work by 37 women artists, living and dead, has gone on show in London after an international tourPage 37

Seaside humour: Any play which stars two large green lizards alongside a couple on a beach, as Edward Albee's Seascape does, deserves points for imagination, if not for depth ...Page 38

Silent star: italy's annual Pordenone festival of silent film has this year revived the career of the director Herbert Brenon, as well as shedding new light on years of Soviet gloomPage 39

Jukebox Jury: Jonathan Miller's irrepressible Mafioso production of Rigoletto, set in a bar in Sicily, is back at the Coliseum......Page 39

Mary Quant: "Fashion may be for everybody, but modelling fashion is not. Fashion begins as a fantasy and dream, which only becomes real by everyday use" Page 19

TEST ALLEMENT Deflant love: While Harold Brod-

key was dying from Aids, he kept a journal that became a lyrical and moving testament of love to his

Better access: Frances Gibb on the first "no win, no fee" group action.

by lung cancer victims against tobacco companies CHELSEATORNER

Great reads: Jim McCue on an-

tique books from Baskerville to Izaak Walton

THE PARTS Zaire is dying, and Central Africa is

heading again for a bloodbath. But the myth of Tutsi racial superiority over the Hutus was disseminated by the colonialist powers, and Western appeals for the intervention of UN troops are hypocritical. The post-colonialist West is guilty of a moral and political absence of will. The Western powers are looking not so much for humanitarian solutions as for alibis. No doubt they will find them, as they always have in the past

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Preview: The Germans are coming to Longbridge; don't mention the war - When Rover Met BMW (BBC2, 9.30pm). Review: Lynne Truss on Sharman, taking glibness

Oxford's business

Wafic Said's gift is a chance for Oxford to recover its mistake in refusing to house one of Britain's first business schools in the 1960s. Oxford's purpose is to teach, not to preserve grass

The order of the boot

Bulgaria and Romania have been stranded in history's chilliest anteroom, for ex-Soviet satellites whose rulers refuse to learn from the West. Their people have not escaped it yet; but they have kicked open the emergency exit ... Page 21 Vile badinage

To compare Mr Blair to Elmer Gantry, one of literature's bestknown religious conmen, is surely a gibe too far

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There would be clear benefits in establishing what might be called an Organisation for Co-operation in the Middle East. It could play a role in resolving conflicts and building the sort of economic and political networks that prevent conflict . . Page 20 LIBBY PURVES

As families and friends join forces, the leading father, torch between his teeth, will painstakingly read the hallowed words "Light blue touchpaper and retire". Whereon someone from his office will shout About time too," as belits the old est joke of autumn Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

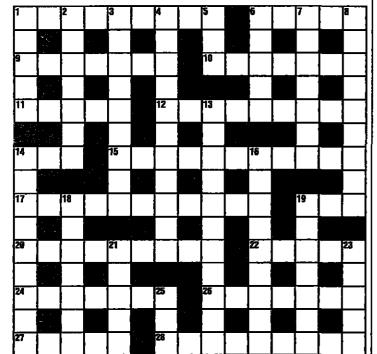
Tony Blair has his mandate, but it

may not be worth as much in the long-term as he claimed yesterday. Given his commanding position in the party, he could have been Page 12

Jean Bedel Bokassa, former ruler of the Central African Republic: Lord Hankey, diplomat; Eleanor Duiles, Eisenhower's State Department expert on Germany. Page 23

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ACROSS

- 1 Expert predicts a storm (9).
- 6 Brawl disrupts record gate (5). 9 Dangerous creature shown briefly in sign (7).
- 10 Fencing equipment left one covered with stabs (7).

11 Moorish cover girl? (5).

- 12 Switch in order to exploit movement in pitch (9).
- 14 Deplore loss of devoted head? (3). 15 Down from summit. having
- dropped precipitately (11). 17 An extra added to the score (5.6).
- 19 Exceptional as today's crossword (but not yesterday's) (3).
- 20 Common sense in courtroom other witnesses displayed (6.3).
- 22 Prohibit return of monarch in retirement (5).
- 24 Drop article, outwardly being at fault (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,316



- 26 Deliveries by spinner excel (7). 27 Principle of architecture ultimately used in construction of St. Paul's (5).
- 28 Special letters to editor put in new place (9).

DOWN

- I Bird crossing street, making track in snow (5).
- 2 Dangerous plant? Put a road marker outside it (7).
- 3 One prepared to leg it can depart in disarray (3-6). 4 To stun the audience, who's the
- tops in variety? (4.3,4).
- 5 Decline a swim (3). 6 Mounts for guns (5).
- 7 Blunder, the net effect of which is
- negative (3.4). 8 Record bird with red tail that's spotted (9).
- 13 Train late, so change to other arrangements (11). 14 'umble beginnings in modern flat
- 16 Modification and repair crew in army set-up (9). 18 Old soldier has to check time with
- new (7). 19 Like some space travel, said to involve computer information (7). 21 Uplifting work providing support
- for English novelist (5). 23 Fleet attack to secure port's entrance (5). 25 Turn stone over to find fish (3).
 - Times Two Crossword, page 52

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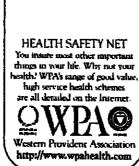
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☐ General: England and Wales showers at first, but the showers will become

restricted to eastern England, before eventually dying out there as well. Rain will reach the west during the evening. Windy at first, and becoming windy again later in the west. Cooler.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers at first, but it will become

brighter and mainly dry from the west with some sunny intervals. Rain should reach Northern Ireland by dusk. Windy at first, and later in the west. Rather cool.

☐ Central S, SW, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales, Lakes, IoM: Isolated showers at first, but



Scotland, Glasgow: Rather cloudy at first with showers. Becoming brighter and mainly dry, but cloud increasing later. Wind northwesterly, strong, rating and turning southerly. 10C (50F) ☐ Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Mo-ray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Outbreaks of rain at first, perhaps sleet on hills. Sunny intervals and scattered showers developing for a time. Wind strong northerly, moderating and turning southerly later. Max 7C (45F).

☐ Argyll, NW Scotland: Bright or sunny intervals and showers, these mostly intervals and showers, these mostly dying out. Cloud and rain during the evening. Wind strong northerty, moderating for a time and turning southerty. Rather cold. Max 7C (45F).

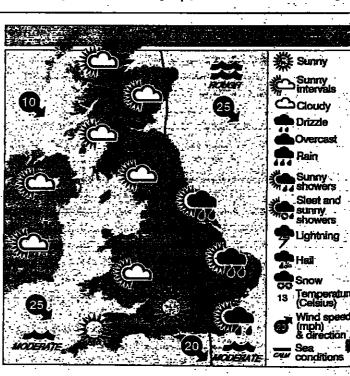
☐ London, E Anglia, E Midlands, SE, E England, Central N, NE England: Showers for a time, mostly dying out from the west to leave surny spells. Wind northwesterly, strong to gale, moderating and turning southwesterly. Max 11C to 13C (52F to 55F). □ N Ireland: Showers soon dying out, then bright spells. Rain spreading from the west during the afternoon. Wind strong northwesterly, moderating and turning southerly, perhaps gale later. Max 9C (48F).

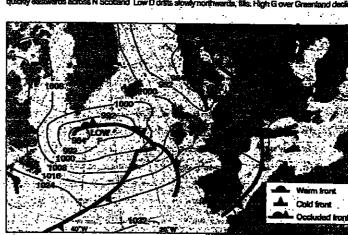
most places dry with surnry spells. Rain during the evening. Wind northwesterly, strong to gale, moderating for a time and turning southwesterly. Max 10C to 11C (50F to 52F). ☐ Outlook: Rain extending east, then sunny spells and showers, Windy. Becoming cooler. 🛘 Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW

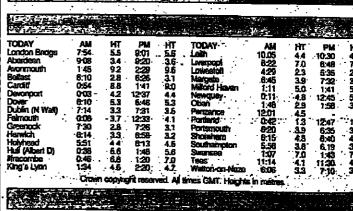
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